

Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes MNDCT FFT

Introduction

This hearing dealt with the tenants' application pursuant to the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the *Act*) for:

- a monetary order for compensation for damage or loss under the *Act*, regulation or tenancy agreement pursuant to section 67; and
- authorization to recover the filing fee for this application from the landlord pursuant to section 72.

Both parties attended the hearing and were given a full opportunity to be heard, to present their sworn testimony, to make submissions, to call witnesses and to cross-examine one another.

As both parties were present service was confirmed. The landlord confirmed receipt of the tenant's application for dispute resolution and evidence and stated they had not served any evidence of their own. Based on the undisputed testimony I find that the landlord was served with the tenant's application package in accordance with sections 88 and 89 of the *Act*.

<u>Analysis</u>

Pursuant to section 63 of the *Act*, the Arbitrator may assist the parties to settle their dispute and if the parties settle their dispute during the dispute resolution proceedings, the settlement may be recorded in the form of a decision or an order. During the hearing the parties discussed the issues between them, turned their minds to compromise and achieved a resolution of their dispute.

Both parties agreed to the following final and binding settlement of all issues currently under dispute at this time:

- 1. The landlord will pay to the tenants the sum of \$550.00.
- 2. The tenants are authorized to deduct from the next monthly rent payment due of \$1,385.00 the amount of \$550.00 reducing the amount paid to \$835.00 in full and final satisfaction of the terms of this settlement.
- 3. This settlement agreement constitutes a full, final and binding resolution of the tenant's application at this hearing.

Both parties testified at the hearing that they understood and agreed to the above terms, free of any duress or coercion. Both parties testified that they understood and agreed that the above terms are legal, final, binding and enforceable, which settle all aspects of this dispute.

Conclusion

The tenant is authorized to make a one-time deduction of \$550.00 from their next monthly rent payment to the landlord.

This decision is made on authority delegated to me by the Director of the Residential Tenancy Branch under Section 9.1(1) of the *Residential Tenancy Act*.

Dated: September 6, 2018

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