

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

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<u>Introduction</u>

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

- authorization to obtain a return of all or a portion of the security deposit pursuant to section 38;
- authorization to recover the filing fee for this application from the landlord pursuant to section 72.

All named parties attended the hearing. During the hearing, the parties expressed an interest and were successful in resolving this dispute by mutual agreement.

Terms of Settlement

Pursuant to section 63 of the Act, an 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.

The parties reached an agreement to settle their dispute under the following final and binding terms:

- 1. The parties agreed the landlord will return the security and/or pet deposit in the full amount of \$1200.00 to the tenants by electronic mail transfer on or before January 4, 2019. The tenant is granted a Monetary Order for this amount and the enforceable portion of this order will be reduced in accordance with any payments made to the tenant(s).
- The tenants agreed to waive any claim for double the security deposit as a penalty for the deposit not being returned within 15 days of the forwarding address being provided.

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3. The parties further agree that no future claims may arise from either party out of this tenancy which ended on July 31, 2018.

Each party confirmed that this agreement was reached voluntarily and that they understood the terms of the agreement. The parties agreed that these particulars comprise the full and final settlement of all aspects of this dispute.

This Decision and Settlement Agreement is final and binding on both parties.

Conclusion

Pursuant to section 67 of the *Act*, I grant the tenants a Monetary Order in the amount of **\$1200.00**. Should the landlord fail to comply with this Order, this Order may be filed in the Small Claims Division of the Provincial Court and enforced as an Order of that Court.

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: January 03, 2019

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