



Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes MNDL-S, FFL

Introduction

This hearing convened as a result of a Landlord's Application for Dispute Resolution, filed on January 11, 2019, wherein the Landlord sought monetary compensation from the Tenant, authority to retain her security deposit and recovery of the filing fee.

The hearing was scheduled for teleconference at 1:30 p.m. on May 6, 2019. The line remained open while the phone system was monitored for ten minutes and the only participant who called into the hearing during this time was the Respondent Tenant.

The Landlord did not call into this hearing, although I left the teleconference hearing connection open until 1:40 p.m. I confirmed that the correct call-in numbers and participant codes had been provided in the Notice of Hearing. I also confirmed from the teleconference system that the Tenant and I were the only ones who had called into this teleconference.

Analysis and Conclusion

Rules 7.1 and 7.3 of the *Residential Tenancy Branch Rules of Procedure* provide as follows:

Commencement of Hearing:

The hearing must commence at the scheduled time unless otherwise decided by the arbitrator.

Consequences of not attending the hearing

If a party or their agent fails to attend the hearing, the arbitrator may conduct the dispute resolution hearing in the absence of that party, or dismiss the application, with or without leave to re-apply.

As the Landlord did not call into the hearing by 1:40 p.m., and the Tenant appeared and was ready to proceed, I dismiss the Landlord's claim without leave to reapply.

This decision is final and binding on the parties, except as otherwise provided under the Act, and 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: May 6, 2019

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