

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

<u>Dispute Codes</u> MNSD, FFT

Introduction

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

- a Monetary Order for the return of the security deposit, pursuant to sections 38 and 67; and
- authorization to recover the filing fee for this application from the landlord, pursuant to section 72.

The tenant did not attend this hearing, although I left the teleconference hearing connection open for 10 minutes in order to enable the tenant to call into this teleconference hearing scheduled for 1:30 p.m. The landlord attended the hearing and was given a full opportunity to be heard, to present affirmed testimony, to make submissions and to call witnesses. 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 landlord and I were the only ones who had called into this teleconference.

Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure provides as follows:

7.1 Commencement of the dispute resolution hearing

The dispute resolution hearing will commence at the scheduled time unless otherwise set by the arbitrator. Rule 7.3 states that 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.

Issue to be Decided

- 1. Is the tenant entitled to a Monetary Order for the return of the security deposit, pursuant to sections 38 and 67 of the *Act*?
- 2. Is the tenant entitled to recover the filing fee for this application from the landlord, pursuant to section 72 of the *Act*?

Conclusion

Based on the above, in the absence of any evidence or submissions from the applicant I order the application dismissed without liberty to reapply.

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: May 31, 2019

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