

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

<u>Dispute Codes</u> FFT MNSD

<u>Introduction</u>

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

- An order for the return of a security deposit or pet damage deposit pursuant to section 38; and
- Authorization to recover the filing fees from the landlord pursuant to section 72.

The landlord attended the hearing represented by the landlord, SK ("landlord"). The tenants attended the hearing represented by the tenant, SH ("tenant"). As both parties were in attendance, service of documents was confirmed. The landlord confirmed receipt of the tenant's application for dispute resolution and the parties acknowledged the exchange of evidence and stated there were no concerns with timely service of documents. Both parties were prepared to deal with the matters of the application.

Settlement Reached

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 landlords will return the tenants' \$1,000.00 security deposit plus \$50.00 representing one half the filing fee the tenants paid for this application.
- 2. This settlement comprises the full and final settlement of the tenants' application.

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Both parties testified 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

To give effect to the settlement reached between the parties and as discussed at the hearing, I issue the attached monetary order in the tenants' favour in the amount of \$1,050.00. Should the landlords 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: July 29, 2019

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