Dispute Resolution Services

Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes CNC, FFT

Introduction

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

- cancellation of the landlord's One Month Notice to End Tenancy for Cause (the "One Month Notice") pursuant to section 47; and,
- authorization to recover the filing fee for this application pursuant to section 72.

The landlord attended the hearing. The landlord had full opportunity to provide affirmed testimony, present evidence, and make submissions.

The tenant did not attend the hearing. I kept the teleconference line open for the duration of the hearing to allow the tenant the opportunity to call. The teleconference system indicated only the landlord and I had called into the hearing. I confirmed the correct participant code was provided to the tenant.

Preliminary Matter - Non-Appearance of Tenant at the Hearing

The applicant tenant did not appear at the hearing. Rule 7.3 of the *Residential Tenancy Branch Rules of Procedure* provides as follows:

7.3 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 reapply.

As the applicant tenant did not attend the hearing, and in the absence of any evidence or submissions, I order the tenant's application be dismissed without leave to reapply.

The landlord testified that the tenant had already vacated the rental unit before the hearing so the landlord did not require an order of possession pursuant to section 55 of the *Ac*t.

Conclusion

The tenant's application be dismissed without leave 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: September 16, 2019

Residential Tenancy Branch