



Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes FFL OPRM-DR

Introduction

On October 15, 2019, an Adjudicator appointed pursuant to the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the *Act*) adjourned the landlord's direct request application for an *ex parte* dispute resolution hearing to a participatory hearing. The Interim Decision of the adjourned *ex parte* dispute resolution hearing explained that the landlord's application suffered from deficiencies in the submitted evidentiary material and therefore the matter could not be addressed through the direct request process.

Through the avenue of a participatory hearing, I have been delegated authority under the *Act* to consider the landlord's application for the following:

- an Order of Possession for Unpaid Rent, pursuant to sections 46 and 55 of the *Act*;
- a Monetary Order for unpaid rent pursuant to section 67 of the *Act*; and
- recovery of the filing fee for this application from the tenant pursuant to section 72 of the *Act*.

Neither party attended at the appointed time set for the participatory hearing, although I waited 10 minutes to enable them to participate in this hearing scheduled for 9:30 a.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 I was the only person who had called into this teleconference.

Rule 7.3 of the 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.

Accordingly, as neither the applicant nor the respondent attended the hearing, I order this application dismissed with leave to reapply. I make no findings on the merits of the matter. The issuance of this decision with leave to reapply does not extend any applicable time limits under the *Act*.

Issue(s) to be Decided

Is the landlord entitled to an Order of Possession for unpaid rent?
Is the landlord entitled to a monetary award for unpaid rent?
Is the landlord entitled to recover the cost of the filing fee from the tenants?

Conclusion

As noted above, I dismiss this Application for Dispute Resolution in its entirety with 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: November 12, 2019

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