



# Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch  
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

## DECISION

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### Introduction

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

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

The landlord did not attend this hearing, although I waited until 9:45 a.m. to enable the landlord to connect with this teleconference hearing scheduled for 9:30 a.m. The tenant attended the hearing and was given a full opportunity to be heard, to present evidence and to make submissions.

The tenant testified that on September 23, 2019, he personally served the landlord with a copy of the Application for Dispute Resolution and Notice of Hearing.

Based on the above evidence, I am satisfied that the landlord was served with the Application for Dispute Resolution and Notice of Dispute Resolution Hearing pursuant to sections 89 of the Act. The hearing proceeded in the absence of the landlord.

### Issues

Should the landlord's One Month Notice be cancelled? If not, is the landlord entitled to an order of possession?

Is the tenant entitled to recover the filing fee for this application from the landlord?

### Background and Evidence

The One Month Notice subject to this dispute is dated August 31, 2019. The tenant received the notice on September 9, 2019. The tenant's application to cancel the One Month Notice was filed on September 10, 2019 within the time period permitted under the Act.

### Analysis

Section 47 of the Act contains provisions by which a landlord may end a tenancy for cause by giving notice to end tenancy. Pursuant to section 47(4) of the Act, a tenant may dispute a One Month Notice by making an application for dispute resolution within ten days after the date the tenant received the notice. If the tenant makes such an application, the onus shifts to the landlord to justify, on a balance of probabilities, the reasons set out in the One Month Notice.

The landlord did not participate in the hearing and as such has failed to provide sufficient evidence to justify cause to issue the One Month Notice. Accordingly, the One Month Notice is hereby cancelled and of no force or effect.

As the tenant was successful in this application, I find that the tenant is entitled to recover the \$100.00 filing fee paid for this application from the landlord. The tenant may reduce a future rent payment in the amount of \$100.00.

### Conclusion

I allow the tenant's application to cancel the landlord's One Month Notice dated August 31, 2019, which is hereby cancelled and of no force or effect. This tenancy continues until it is ended in accordance with the Act.

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 26, 2019

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