

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

<u>Dispute Codes</u> FFL MNDL-S

FFT MNDCT MNSD Introduction

This hearing dealt with applications filed by the landlord and the tenant pursuant to the Residential Tenancy Act ("Act").

The landlord applied for:

- Authorization to recover the filing fee for this application from the tenant pursuant to section 72; and
- A monetary order for damage to the rental unit pursuant to section 67 and authorization to retain the security deposit pursuant to section 38.

The tenant applied for:

- Authorization to recover the filing fees from the landlord pursuant to section 72;
- A monetary order for damages or compensation pursuant to section 67; and
- An order for the return of a security deposit or pet damage deposit pursuant to section 38.

Both parties attended the hearing. Each party confirmed receipt of the other party's Application for Dispute Resolution and evidence and neither party stated any concerns with timely service of documents. Both parties were prepared to deal with the matters of the applications.

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. The opportunity for settlement was discussed with the parties during the hearing. The parties were advised there is no obligation to resolve the dispute through settlement, but that I could assist the parties to reach an agreement. I indicated on several occasions that if either

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party did not wish to resolve this matter through a mutually agreed settlement, I was prepared to hear their evidence and make a decision.

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 landlord will return a portion of the tenant's security deposit in the amount of \$200.00.
- 2. This settlement comprises the full and final settlement of both applications.

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

In order to implement the above settlement reached between the parties and as discussed with them at the hearing, I issue a monetary Order in the tenant's favour in the amount of \$200.00.

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: December 06, 2019	
	Residential Tenancy Branch