



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 30, 2019, an Adjudicator appointed pursuant to the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the *Act*) adjourned the landlord's application for dispute resolution for the following items to a participatory hearing. She did so on the basis of an *ex parte* hearing using the Residential Tenancy Branch's direct request process. The adjudicator adjourned the direct request for the following reasons:

Section 52 of the Act requires a 10 Day Notice to be signed and dated by the landlord. I find that the landlord submitted two versions of a 10 Day Notice dated October 6, 2019; one that includes the landlord's signature and one that does not.

I find I am not able to confirm which version of the 10 Day Notice was served to the tenant, and that a hearing is necessary to address this issue.

I have been delegated authority under the *Act* to consider the landlord's application for:

- an Order of Possession for unpaid rent pursuant to section 55;
- a monetary order for unpaid rent pursuant to section 67; and
- authorization to recover the filing fee for this application from the tenant pursuant to section 72.

Neither party attended at the appointed time set for the hearing, although I waited until 9:41 a.m. 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 Commencement of the hearing: The hearing must commence at the scheduled time unless otherwise decided by the arbitrator. The arbitrator may conduct the hearing in the absence of a party and may make a decision or dismiss the application, with or without leave to re-apply.

Accordingly, **in the absence of any evidence or submissions I order the application dismissed with leave to reapply.** I make no findings on the merits of the matter. Leave to reapply is not an extension of any applicable limitation period.

Conclusion

As noted above, this Application for Dispute Resolution is dismissed 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: December 16, 2019

Residential Tenancy Branch