

## **Dispute Resolution Services**

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# Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

### **DECISION**

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

#### Introduction

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

- A monetary award for damages, loss and unpaid rent pursuant to section 67;
- Authorization to retain the deposits for this tenancy pursuant to section 38; and
- Authorization to recover the filing fee from the tenant pursuant to section 72.

Both parties were represented at the hearing and were given a full opportunity to be heard, to present sworn testimony, to make submissions and to call witnesses. The landlords were represented by their agent

As both parties were present service was confirmed. The tenant confirmed receipt of the landlord's application and materials and that they have not served any materials of their own. Based on the testimonies I find that the tenant was served with the landlords' materials in accordance with sections 88 and 89 of the *Act*.

#### Analysis

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. 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:

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- 1. The tenant will pay the landlords the sum of \$5,000.00 by electronic fund transfer to be received by 5:00pm on January 24, 2018.
- 2. The landlords are authorized to keep the \$1,100.00 security deposit and \$1,100.00 pet damage deposit for this tenancy.
- 3. This settlement agreement constitutes a full, final and binding resolution of the landlord's application at this hearing.

Both parties testified at the hearing 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

I issue a monetary Order in the landlords' favour in the amount of \$5,000.00, to be served on the tenant by the landlords **only** if the tenants fail to abide by the settlement terms noted above. Should the tenant fail to comply with this Order, this Order may be filed in the Small Claims Division of the Provincial Court and enforced as an Order of that Court.

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: January 21, 2020

Residential Tenancy Branch