

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes: MNRL MNDCL FFL

<u>Introduction</u>

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

- a monetary order for unpaid rent or utilities, pursuant to section 67;
- a monetary order for monetary loss or money owed pursuant to section 67; and
- authorization to recover the filing fee for this application, pursuant to section 72

Both parties attended the hearing and were given a full opportunity to be heard, to present their sworn testimony, to make submissions, to call witnesses and to cross-examine one another.

The tenant confirmed receipt of the landlords' application for dispute resolution hearing. In accordance with section 89 of the *Act*, I find that the tenant duly served with the landlords' application and evidence. As both confirmed receipt of each other's evidentiary materials, I find that both parties duly served in accordance with section 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 agreed that the landlords may retain the tenant's security deposit in the amount of \$500.00.

2. Both parties agreed that this settlement agreement constituted a final and binding resolution of the landlords' application.

These particulars comprise the full and final settlement of all aspects of this dispute for both parties. 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

In order to implement the above settlement reached between the parties, and as advised to both parties during the hearing, I allow the landlords to retain the tenant's security deposit in the amount of \$500.00.

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: March 24, 2020	
	Residential Tenancy Branch