



Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes

DRI, RR, RP, PSF, OLC, FFT

Introduction

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

- a dispute of a rent increase pursuant to section 43;
- seeking authorization to reduce rent pursuant to section 65;
- an order for repairs to the rental unit pursuant to section 33;
- an order that the landlord provide services or facilities pursuant to section 65;
- an order that the landlord comply with the Act, regulations or tenancy agreement pursuant to section 62; and
- authorization to recover their filing fee from the landlords pursuant to section 72.

This matter was set for hearing by telephone conference call at 9:30 am. on this date. The line remained open while the phone system was monitored for ten minutes and the only participant who called into the hearing during this time was the respondent.

Rule 7.3 of the Rules of Procedure provides as follows:

7.3 Consequences of not attending the hearing – If a party or their agent fails to attend the hearing, the arbitrator may conduct the dispute resolution hearing in the absence of that party, or dismiss the application with or without leave to reapply.

I find that filing an application and failing to pursue it diligently by attending the scheduled hearing time is a poor use of the limited resources of the Branch, inconveniencing the respondent and occupying a hearing slot which could be better used for meritorious claims. I find the application to consist of submissions without documentary evidence in support.

Therefore, as the applicant did not attend the hearing by 9:40 am, and the respondent appeared and was ready to proceed, I dismiss the claim without 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: July 13, 2020

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