

## **Dispute Resolution Services**

Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

> A matter regarding Top Producers Realty LTD. and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

## DECISION

Dispute Codes OLC FFT

## Introduction

This hearing dealt with an application by the tenant under the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the *Act*) for the following:

- An order requiring the landlord to comply with the Act pursuant to section 62;
- An order requiring the landlord to reimburse the tenant for the filing fee pursuant to section 72.

This matter was set for hearing by telephone conference. The owner of the unit attended and two agents for the property manager ("the landlord"). The landlord acknowledged service of the Notice of Hearing and Application for Dispute Resolution.

The landlord had the opportunity to call witnesses and present affirmed testimony and written evidence. The hearing process was explained, and an opportunity was given to ask questions about the hearing process.

The tenant did not attend the hearing. I kept the teleconference line open from the scheduled time for the hearing for an additional ten minutes to allow the tenant the opportunity to call. The teleconference system indicated only the landlord and I had called into the hearing. I confirmed the correct call-in number and participant code for the tenant was provided.

At the outset, the landlord stated that the tenant had moved out and left the keys in the unit.

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 have considered the testimony of the landlord and the service of the documents by the tenant. As the applicant did not attend the hearing and in the absence of any evidence or submissions, I order the application dismissed without leave to reapply. Leave to reapply does not constitute an extension of any applicable time limit.

## **Conclusion**

I order the application dismissed 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: August 11, 2020

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