

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

<u>Dispute Codes</u> OPB, FFL,

MNDCT, OLC

Introduction

This was a cross application hearing that dealt with the tenant's application pursuant to the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the *Act*) for:

- a Monetary Order for damage or compensation under the Act, pursuant to section 67; and
- an Order for the landlord to comply with the *Act*, regulation, and/or the tenancy agreement, pursuant to section 62;

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

- an Order of Possession, pursuant to section 55; and
- authorization to recover the filing fee for this application from the tenant, pursuant to section 72.

The tenant did not attend this hearing, although I left the teleconference hearing connection open until 9:40 a.m. in order to enable the tenant to call into this teleconference hearing scheduled for 9:30 a.m. The landlords attended the hearing and were given a full opportunity to be heard, to present affirmed testimony, to make submissions and to call witnesses. 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 the landlords and I were the only ones who had called into this teleconference.

Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure provides as follows:

7.1 Commencement of the dispute resolution hearing

The dispute resolution hearing will commence at the scheduled time unless otherwise set by the arbitrator. Rule 7.3 states that if a party or their agent fails to

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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 re-apply.

Based on the above, in the absence of any evidence or submissions from the tenant, I

order the tenant's application dismissed without liberty to reapply.

The landlords testified that they served the tenant with their application for dispute resolution via expedited post on July 11, 2020, a receipt and tracking number evidencing

the above mailing were entered into evidence. I find that the tenant was served with the

landlords' application pursuant to section 89 of the Act.

The landlords testified that the tenant moved out of the subject rental property on August

4, 2020. As the tenant has already moved out, I find that the issues raised in the landlords' application are no longer applicable as the tenancy has ended. I therefore

dismiss the landlords' application with leave to reapply.

Conclusion

The tenant's application is dismissed without leave to reapply.

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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 14, 2020

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