



Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes MNRL, FFL

Introduction

Pursuant to section 58 of the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the *Act*), I was designated to hear an application regarding the above-noted tenancy. The landlord applied for:

- a monetary order for unpaid rent and or utilities, pursuant to section 67 of the *Act*;
- an authorization to recover the filing fee for this application, pursuant to section 72 of the *Act*.

Both parties attended the hearing. The tenant was assisted by advocate PE. All were given a full opportunity to be heard, to present affirmed testimony, to make submissions, and to call witnesses.

Preliminary Issue – Adjournment

During the hearing the parties engaged in a conversation about a settlement.

Rule of Procedure 7.9 states:

7.9 Criteria for granting an adjournment

Without restricting the authority of the arbitrator to consider other factors, the arbitrator will consider the following when allowing or disallowing a party's request for an adjournment:

- the likelihood of the adjournment resulting in a resolution;

I adjourned the hearing to provide the parties with additional time to reach a settlement. The hearing will be reconvened at a future date.

Conclusion

Based on the above:

- **I order** this hearing will be reconvened in accordance with the Notice of Hearing documents attached to this Interim Decision;
- **I order** that this is not an opportunity for either party to amend the existing application for dispute resolution;
- **I order** that this is not an opportunity for either party to submit an additional application for dispute resolution to be crossed or joined with the application for dispute resolution currently before me;
- **I order** that this is not an opportunity for either party to submit additional evidence.

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 20, 2020

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