

# **Dispute Resolution Services**

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

### **DECISION**

<u>Dispute Codes</u> MNDL-S, FFL

### <u>Introduction</u>

On April 11, 2020, the Landlords filed an Application for Dispute Resolution under the *Residential Tenancy Act* ("the *Act*") to request a monetary order for damage caused to the unit, for permission to retain the security deposit, and to recover the filing fee for this application.

The Tenants attended the conference call hearing; however, the Landlords did not. As the Landlords are the applicants in this hearing, I find that the Landlords had been duly notified of the Notice of Hearing in accordance with the *Act*.

I have reviewed all oral and written evidence before me that met the requirements of the Rules of Procedure. However, only the evidence relevant to the issues and findings in this matter are described in this Decision.

## Issues to be Decided

- Are the Landlords entitled to a monetary order for damage to the unit?
- Are the Landlords entitled to retain the security deposit?
- Are the Landlords entitled to recover the filing fee for this application?

### Background and Evidence

This hearing was scheduled for a teleconference hearing on this date.

Rule 7.1 of the Rules of Procedure stipulates that the hearing must commence at the scheduled time unless otherwise decided by the Arbitrator. Rule 7.3 of the Rules of Procedure stipulates that an Arbitrator may conduct the hearing in the absence of a party and may make a decision or dismiss the application, with or without leave to reapply.

I called into the hearing, and 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 were the Tenants. Therefore, as the Landlords did not attend the hearing by 1:40 p.m. and the Tenants appeared and were ready to proceed, I dismiss the Landlords' application without leave to reapply.

### **Analysis**

I find that the Application for Dispute Resolution has been abandoned.

#### Conclusion

I dismiss the Landlords' Application for Dispute Resolution 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 18, 2020

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