

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

<u>Dispute Codes</u> MNDCT FFT

<u>Introduction</u>

This hearing was convened as a result of the tenant's Application for Dispute Resolution (application) seeking remedy under the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the Act). The tenant applied for a monetary order in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the double return of their security deposit and pet damage deposit, and to recover the cost of the filing fee.

The tenant, a support person for the tenant ST (support person), and an agent for the landlord TVDM (agent) attended the teleconference hearing. The parties gave affirmed testimony, were provided the opportunity to present their evidence orally and in documentary form prior to the hearing and make submissions to me. Words utilizing the singular shall also include the plural and vice versa where the context requires.

I find that neither party provided any valid concerns regarding the service of documentary evidence and as a result, I find the parties were sufficiently served in accordance with the Act.

Preliminary and Procedural Matters

Firstly, by consent of the parties, the name of the landlord MM (landlord) was added to the application and the agent was corrected as agent for the landlord. This amendment was also made pursuant to section 64(3)(c) of the Act.

Secondly, the parties confirmed their email addresses at the start of the hearing. The parties also were advised that the decision would be email to both parties.

Settlement Agreement

During the hearing, the parties agreed to settle all matters related to this tenancy, on the following conditions:

- 1. The parties agree that the tenant surrenders their full \$950.00 in combined deposits in full settlement of all matters related to this tenancy.
- 2. The landlord agrees to waive all rights to file an application against the tenant related to this tenancy as part of this mutually settled agreement.
- 3. The tenant withdraws their application in full as part of this mutually settled agreement.

This settlement agreement was reached in accordance with section 63 of the *Residential Tenancy Act*. The parties confirmed at the end of the hearing that this agreement was made on a voluntary basis and that the parties understood the nature of this full and final settlement of this matter.

Conclusion

I order the parties to comply with the terms of this settled agreement in accordance with section 63 of the Act. The parties confirmed that they understood that this mutually settled agreement was enforceable under the Act. The parties also confirmed that they were not being forced or pressured into freely agreeing to this mutually settled agreement.

This decision will be emailed to the parties as described above.

The filing fee is not granted as this matter was resolved by way of a mutual agreement.

This decision is final and binding on the parties, unless otherwise provided under the Act, and 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: October 19, 2020

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