

## **Dispute Resolution Services**

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

## **DECISION**

<u>Dispute Codes</u> CNR, MNDCT, FFT

## <u>Introduction</u>

This hearing was convened as a result of the Tenant's Application for Dispute Resolution ("Application") under the *Residential Tenancy Act* ("Act") to cancel a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for unpaid rent dated September 23, 2020 ("10 Day Notice"), for a monetary claim of \$3,300.00 for money owed or compensation for damage or loss under the Act, regulation or tenancy agreement, and to recover the \$100.00 cost of his Application filing fee. The Landlord said that the Tenant moved out on October 6, 2020.

The Tenant was provided with a copy of the Notice of a Dispute Resolution Hearing on September 14, 2020; however, the Tenant did not attend the teleconference hearing scheduled for October 26, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. (Pacific Time). The phone line remained open for over 15 minutes and was monitored throughout this time. The only person to call into the hearing was the respondent Landlord, who indicated that she was ready to proceed.

Rule 7.1 of the Residential Tenancy Branch Rules of Procedure ("Rules") states that the dispute resolution hearing will commence at the scheduled time unless otherwise set by the arbitrator. The Respondent Landlord and I attended the hearing on time and were ready to proceed, and there was no evidence before me that the Parties had agreed to reschedule or adjourn the matter; accordingly, I commenced the hearing at 9:30 a.m. on October 26, 2020, as scheduled.

Rule 7.3 states that 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. The teleconference line remained open for 18 minutes, however, neither the Applicant nor an agent acting on his behalf attended to provide any evidence or testimony for my consideration. As a result, and pursuant to Rule 7.3, I dismiss the Tenant's Application without leave to reapply.

As the Landlord said that the Tenant moved out on October 6, 2020, I find it unnecessary to consider the Landlord's eligibility for an order of possession.

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## Conclusion

The Tenant's Application is dismissed without leave to reapply, as the Tenant or an Agent for the Tenant did not attend the hearing to present the merits of the Application. The Respondent Landlord did attend the hearing.

This Decision does not extend any applicable time limits under the Act.

This Decision will be emailed to the address provided by the Landlord during the hearing and to the email address provided by the Tenant in the Application.

This Decision is final and binding on the Parties, except as 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 26, 2020	
	Residential Tenancy Branch