



Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes **FFT, MNDCT**

Introduction

This hearing dealt with the tenant's application pursuant to the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the "Act") for:

- Authorization to recover the filing fee for this application from the landlord pursuant to section 72; and
- A monetary order for damages or compensation pursuant to section 67.

The applicant/tenant did not attend this hearing, although I left the teleconference hearing connection open until 9:40 a.m. to enable the tenant to call into this teleconference hearing scheduled for 9:30 a.m. 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 landlord and I were the only ones who had called into this teleconference.

The landlord attended the hearing and was given a full opportunity to be heard, to present sworn testimony, to make submissions and to call witnesses. The landlord acknowledged being served with the tenant's Application for Dispute Resolution Proceedings Package and stated she was prepared to have the merits of the tenant's application heard.

Preliminary Issue – applicant did not attend hearing

Rule 7.3 of the Rules of Procedure provides 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 re-apply.

Rule 7.4 states that evidence must be presented by the party who submitted it, or by the party's agent. If a party or their agent does not attend to present evidence, any written submissions supplied may or may not be considered.

Rule 6.6 states that the standard of proof in a dispute resolution hearing is on a balance of probabilities, which means that it is more likely than not that the facts occurred as claimed. The onus to prove their case is on the person making the claim.

The tenant did not attend the hearing which was scheduled by conference call at 9:30 a.m. As he did not attend, he did not present evidence regarding the merits of his claim for me to consider, or satisfy me that on a balance of probabilities, the facts occurred as claimed.

Consequently, I dismiss the tenant's application without leave to reapply.

The tenant was not successful in his claim and he will not recover the filing fee.

Conclusion

The application is dismissed 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: November 30, 2020

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