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Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes MNSDS-DR, FFT

Introduction

This hearing dealt with an Application for Dispute Resolution by Direct Request that was adjourned to a participatory hearing. The Tenant filed under the Residential Tenancy Act (the Act), seeking:

- The return of their security deposit; and
- Recovery of the filing fee.

The hearing was convened by telephone conference call and was attended by the Tenant and the Landlord, both of whom provided affirmed testimony. The Landlord acknowledged receipt of the Notice of Dispute Resolution Proceeding Package, including a copy of the Application and the Notice of Hearing, from the Tenant as required and raised no concerns with regards to service or the hearing. The Hearing therefore proceeded as scheduled.

<u>Settlement</u>

The opportunity for settlement was discussed with the parties during the hearing. The parties were advised on several occasions during the hearing that there is no obligation to resolve the dispute through settlement, but that pursuant to section 63 of the Act, I could assist the parties to reach an agreement, which would be documented in my Decision and supporting order.

During the hearing, the parties mutually agreed to settle this matter as follows:

- 1. The Tenant agrees to waive their right to the return of double the amount of the security deposit.
- 2. The Landlord agrees to pay the Tenant \$605.00; \$505.00 for the return of the return of the security deposit and \$100.00 for recovery of the filing fee.

3. The parties agree that they each retain the right to file Applications in relation to the tenancy as permitted under the Act.

This settlement agreement was reached in accordance with section 63 of the Act.

Conclusion

I order the parties to comply with the terms of their mutually settled agreement described above.

In support of the settlement described above, and with the agreement of the parties, I grant the Tenant a Monetary Order in the amount of \$605.00. The Tenant is provided with this Order in the above terms and the Landlord must be served with this Order as soon as possible. Should the Landlord fail to comply with this Order, this Order may be filed in the Small Claims Division of the Provincial Court and enforced as an Order of that Court.

This decision is made on authority delegated to me by the Director of the Residential Tenancy Branch under Section 9.1(1) of the Act.

Dated: December 8, 2020

Residential Tenancy Branch