

Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes MNRL-S, MNDCL-S, FFL

Introduction

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

- A monetary order for rent and/or utilities and authorization to retain a security deposit pursuant to sections 38 and 67;
- A monetary order for damages or compensation and authorization to retain a security deposit pursuant to sections 38 and 67; and
- Authorization to recover the filing fee for this application from the tenant pursuant to section 72.

Both the landlord and the tenant attended the hearing. As both parties were present, service of documents was confirmed. The tenant acknowledged service of the landlord's Application for Dispute Resolution and stated he had no issues with timely service of documents. The tenant did not provide any documentary evidence for this hearing.

Settlement Reached

At the commencement of the hearing, I asked the tenant if he disputed the landlord's application. The tenant testified that he did not. The tenant acknowledged he owes the landlord compensation for each item the landlord claims.

Pursuant to section 63 of the *Act*, the Arbitrator may assist the parties to settle their dispute and if the parties settle their dispute during the dispute resolution proceedings, the settlement may be recorded in the form of a decision or an order. The parties discussed the issues between them, turned their minds to compromise and achieved a resolution of their dispute.

Both parties agreed to the following final and binding settlement of all issues currently under dispute at this time:

The tenant agrees to pay the landlord \$18,875.00 in full and final settlement of the landlord's claim. This amount includes the filing fee paid by the landlord for this application. This amount also represents a reduced sum as the tenant agreed the landlord may retain his security deposit.

Both parties testified at the hearing that they understood and agreed to the above terms, free of any duress or coercion. Both parties testified that they understood and agreed that the above terms are legal, final, binding and enforceable, which settle all aspects of this dispute.

Conclusion

In order to implement the above settlement reached between the parties and as discussed with them at the hearing, I issue a monetary Order in the landlord's favour in the amount of \$18,875.00.

The landlord is provided with this Order in the above terms and the tenant must be served with a copy of it. 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 *Residential Tenancy Act*.

Dated: December 17, 2020

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