



Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes MNRL, FFL

Introduction

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

- a monetary order for unpaid rent, pursuant to section 67; and
- authorization to recover the filing fee for this application, pursuant to section 72.

Both parties attended the hearing and were each given a full opportunity to be heard, to present affirmed testimony, to make submissions, and to call witnesses. This hearing lasted approximately 60 minutes.

The tenant confirmed receipt of the landlord's application for dispute resolution hearing package. In accordance with sections 89 and 90 of the *Act*, I find that the tenant was duly served with the landlord's application.

The tenant stated that he served his written evidence to the landlord by way of posting to the landlord's door on January 10 and 11, 2021. He said that he also sent text messages of the evidence to the landlord on both dates. The landlord claimed that he did not receive any evidence from the tenant. As both parties agreed to settle this application, and I was not required to consider any evidence since I did not make a decision, I do not find it necessary to record any findings regarding service of the tenant's evidence.

Settlement Terms

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 and orders.

During the hearing, the parties discussed the issues between them, turned their minds to compromise and achieved a resolution of their dispute and arising out of this tenancy.

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

1. Both parties agreed that the landlord is entitled to retain the tenant's entire security deposit of \$800.00;
2. The tenant agreed to pay the landlord \$1,200.00 by April 30, 2021, by way of e-transfer to the landlord's email address confirmed by both parties during this hearing;
3. The landlord agreed to bear the cost of the \$100.00 filing fee paid for this application;
4. The landlord agreed that this settlement agreement constitutes a final and binding resolution of his application at this hearing and any issues arising out of this tenancy;
5. Both parties agreed that they will not initiate any future claims or applications against each other at the Residential Tenancy Branch, with respect to any issues arising out of this tenancy.

These particulars comprise the full and final settlement of all aspects of this dispute and arising out of this tenancy. Both parties affirmed at the hearing that they understood and agreed to the above terms, free of any duress or coercion. Both parties affirmed that they understood and agreed that the above terms are legal, final, binding and enforceable, which settle all aspects of this dispute and arising out of this tenancy.

Conclusion

I order the landlord to retain the tenant's entire security deposit of \$800.00.

In order to implement the above settlement reached between the parties, and as discussed with both parties during the hearing, I issue a monetary Order in the landlord's favour in the amount of \$1,200.00. I deliver this Order to the landlord in support of the above agreement for use **only** in the event that the tenant fails to pay the landlord \$1,200.00 as per condition #2 of the above agreement. The tenant must be served with a copy of this Order. Should the tenant 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.

The landlord must bear the cost of the \$100.00 filing fee paid for this application.

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: January 18, 2021

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