



Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes MNDCT, FFT

Introduction

This hearing was convened as a result of the Tenant's Application for Dispute Resolution ("Application") under the *Residential Tenancy Act* ("Act"), for a Monetary Order for compensation under the Act in the amount of \$7,000.00; and to recover the \$100.00 cost of her Application filing fee.

The Tenant appeared at the teleconference hearing, however, the Landlord did not. The Tenant said she did not serve the Landlord with her Application and Notice of Hearing documents, because she thought that the Residential Tenancy Branch did that. The Tenant also said that she served the Landlord with evidence on the night before the hearing. She said she told him about the time and date of the hearing, but she did not serve him with a Notice of Hearing. I advised her that as an applicant, she was required to serve these documents on the respondent(s), pursuant to the Act and the Residential Tenancy Branch ("RTB") Rules of Procedure ("Rules").

I reproduced the relevant Rules below. The requirements within these Rules are consistent with the principles of natural justice and administrative fairness, with which administrative hearings, such as this, must be conducted.

3.1 Documents that must be served with the Notice of Dispute Resolution Proceeding Package

The applicant must, within three days of the Notice of Dispute Resolution Proceeding Package being made available by the Residential Tenancy Branch, serve each respondent with copies of all of the following:

- a) the Notice of Dispute Resolution Proceeding provided to the applicant by the Residential Tenancy Branch, which includes the Application for Dispute Resolution;
- b) the Respondent Instructions for Dispute Resolution;
- c) the dispute resolution process fact sheet (RTB-114) or direct request

process fact sheet (RTB-130) provided by the Residential Tenancy Branch; and

- d) any other evidence submitted to the Residential Tenancy Branch directly or through a Service BC Office with the Application for Dispute Resolution, in accordance with Rule 2.5 [Documents that must be submitted with an Application for Dispute Resolution].

[underlining emphasis added]

There may be some evidence on which the applicant wants to rely that is not available at the time the applicant applies for dispute resolution. The applicant may submit this evidence to the RTB and serve it on the respondent(s), as soon as possible, but not more than 14 days before the hearing, as provided under Rule 3.14.

3.14 Evidence not submitted at the time of Application for Dispute Resolution

Except for evidence related to an expedited hearing (see Rule 10), documentary and digital evidence that is intended to be relied on at the hearing must be received by the respondent and the Residential Tenancy Branch directly or through a Service BC Office not less than 14 days before the hearing. In the event that a piece of evidence is not available when the applicant submits and serves their evidence, the arbitrator will apply Rule 3.17.

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If you need any of this explained further, please don't hesitate to call the RTB office and speak with an information officer for clarification of any residential tenancy matter.

In light of the above, I dismiss the Tenant's Application with 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: March 11, 2021

Residential Tenancy Branch