



# Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch  
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

## DECISION

Dispute Codes      **MNDL-S, FFL**

### Introduction

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

- A monetary Order for Damages 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 tenants attended the hearing and the landlord was represented at the hearing by an agent, CH ("landlord"). The tenants acknowledged service of the landlord's Application for Dispute Resolution and the landlord acknowledged service of the tenant's evidence. Both parties stated they had no issues with timely service of documents.

### Settlement Reached

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. I advised the parties on several occasions that there is no obligation to resolve the dispute through settlement and that if either party did not wish to resolve this matter through settlement, I was prepared to make a decision based on the evidence before me. During the hearing 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 landlord is entitled to retain \$562.50 of the tenant's \$1,025.00 security deposit. The remaining \$462.50 is to be returned to the tenants.**

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 tenants' favour in the amount of **\$462.50**.

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 15, 2021

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