Dispute Resolution Services

Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes ERP, FFT

Introduction

On March 4, 2021, the Tenant applied for a Dispute Resolution proceeding seeking an emergency repair Order pursuant to Section 62 of the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the *"Act"*) and seeking recovery of the filing fee pursuant to Section 72 of the *Act*.

Z.M. attended the hearing as an agent on behalf of the Landlord; however, the Tenant did not appear at any point during the 10-minute teleconference. All parties in attendance provided a solemn affirmation.

Background and Evidence

This hearing was scheduled to commence via teleconference at 9:30 AM on April 1, 2021.

Rule 7.1 of the Rules of Procedure stipulates that the hearing must commence at the scheduled time unless otherwise decided by the Arbitrator. The Arbitrator may conduct the hearing in the absence of a party and may make a decision or dismiss the Application, with or without leave to re-apply.

I dialed into the teleconference at 9:30 AM and monitored the teleconference until 9:40 AM. Only the Respondent dialed into the teleconference during this time. I confirmed that the correct call-in numbers and participant codes had been provided in the Notice of Hearing. I confirmed during the hearing that the Applicant did not dial in and I also confirmed from the teleconference system that the only party who had called into this teleconference was a representative of the Landlord.

<u>Analysis</u>

As the Applicant did not attend the hearing by 9:40 AM, I find that the Application for Dispute Resolution has been abandoned.

Conclusion

I dismiss the Tenant's Application for Dispute Resolution without 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: April 1, 2021

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