

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

<u>Dispute Codes</u> MNDL-S, FFL

Introduction

This hearing dealt with the Landlords' Application for Dispute Resolution, made on December 12, 2020 (the "Application"). The Landlords applied for the following relief, pursuant to the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the "*Act*"):

- a monetary order for damage to the unit, site, or property; and
- an order to retain the security deposit; and
- an order granting recovery of the filing fee.

The Landlords and the Tenants attended the hearing at the appointed date and time. At the beginning of the hearing, the parties acknowledged receipt of their respective application package and documentary evidence. No issues were raised with respect to service or receipt of these documents during the hearing. Pursuant to section 71 of the *Act*, I find the above documents were sufficiently served for the purposes of the *Act*.

Settlement Agreement

The opportunity for settlement was discussed with the parties during the hearing. The parties were advised there is no obligation to resolve the dispute through settlement, but that I could assist the parties to reach an agreement. I indicated on several occasions that if either party did not wish to resolve this matter through a mutually agreed settlement, I was prepared to hear their evidence and make a decision.

During the hearing, the parties agreed to settle this matter, on the following conditions:

1. The parties agree that the Landlords are permitted to retain the Tenants' security and pet damage deposits in the combined amount of \$875.00.

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2. The Landlords withdraw their application in full as part of this mutually settled agreement.

This settlement agreement was reached in accordance with section 63 of the Act.

Conclusion

I order the parties to comply with the terms of their mutually settled agreement described above.

The Landlords are permitted to retain the Tenants' security and pet damage deposit in the amount of \$875.00. The Landlords withdraw their Application in full as part of this mutually settled agreement.

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 20, 2021

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