



# Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch  
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

## DECISION

Dispute Codes      OPR-DR, FFL

### Introduction

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

- an order of possession for unpaid rent, pursuant to section 55; and
- authorization to recover the filing fee for this application, pursuant to section 72.

While the respondent male tenant ("tenant") attended the hearing by way of conference call, the two applicant landlords did not, although I waited until 11:11 a.m. in order to enable the landlords to connect with this teleconference hearing scheduled for 11:00 a.m.

I confirmed that the correct call-in numbers and participant codes had been provided in the Notice of Hearing. I also confirmed from the teleconference system that the tenant and I were the only people who called into this teleconference.

The tenant confirmed that he had permission to speak on behalf of the respondent female tenant, also named in this application (collectively "tenants").

At the outset of the hearing, I informed the tenant that he was not permitted to record the hearing, as per Rule 6.11 of the Residential Tenancy Branch ("RTB") *Rules of Procedure* ("Rules"). The tenant affirmed under oath that he would not record this hearing.

During the hearing, I explained the hearing process to the tenant. The tenant had an opportunity to ask questions. The tenant did not make any adjournment or accommodation requests.

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

Rule 7.3 of the RTB *Rules* provides as follows:

*7.3 Consequences of not attending the hearing: If a party or their agent fails to attend the hearing, the arbitrator may conduct the dispute resolution hearing in the absence of that party, or dismiss the application, with or without leave to re-apply.*

In the absence of any appearance by the landlords, I order the landlords' entire application dismissed without leave to reapply.

I informed the tenant of my decision during the hearing. He confirmed his understanding of same.

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: June 15, 2021

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