

## **Dispute Resolution Services**

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

## **DECISION**

<u>Dispute Codes</u> CNC, LRE, FFT

## Introduction

This hearing was convened as a result of the Tenants' Application for Dispute Resolution ("Application") under the *Residential Tenancy Act* ("Act") to cancel a One Month Notice to End Tenancy for Cause dated March 22, 2021 ("One Month Notice"); to suspend or restrict the Landlord's right to enter; and to recover the \$100.00 cost of their Application filing fee.

The Landlord appeared at the teleconference hearing, but no one attended on behalf of the Tenants. The teleconference phone line remained open for over 10 minutes and was monitored throughout this time. The only person to call into the hearing was the Landlord, who indicated that she was ready to proceed. I confirmed that the teleconference codes provided to the Parties were correct and that the only person on the call, besides me, was the Landlord.

The Tenants were provided with a copy of the Notice of a Dispute Resolution Hearing on April 7, 2021; however, they did not attend the teleconference hearing scheduled for July 22, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. (Pacific Time). The phone line remained open for over ten minutes and was monitored throughout this time. The only person to call into the hearing was the respondent Landlord, who indicated that she was ready to proceed.

Rule of Procedure 7.1 of the Residential Tenancy Branch Rules of Procedure ("Rules") states that the dispute resolution hearing will commence at the scheduled time unless otherwise set by the arbitrator. The Respondent Landlord and I attended the hearing on time and were ready to proceed, and there was no evidence before me that the Parties had agreed to reschedule or adjourn the matter; accordingly, I commenced the hearing at 11:00 a.m. on July 22, 2021, as scheduled.

Rule 7.3 states that 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 reapply. The teleconference line remained open for over ten minutes, however, neither the Applicants nor an agent acting on their behalf

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attended to provide any evidence or testimony for my consideration. As a result, and pursuant to Rule 7.3, I dismiss the Tenants' Application without leave to reapply.

Conclusion

The Tenants' Application is dismissed without leave to reapply, as the Tenants or an Agent for the Tenants did not attend the hearing to present the merits of the Application. The Respondent Landlord did attend the hearing.

This Decision does not extend any applicable time limits under the Act.

This Decision will be emailed to the addresses provided by the Tenants in the Application; the Landlord confirmed her email address in the hearing.

This Decision is final and binding on the Parties, except as otherwise provided under the Act, and 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: July 22, 2021	
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	Residential Tenancy Branch