

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

<u>Dispute Codes</u> ET, FFL

Introduction

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

- an early termination of tenancy and Order of Possession, pursuant to section 56;
 and
- recovery of the filing fee from the tenants, pursuant to section 72.

The landlord did not attend this hearing, although I left the teleconference hearing connection open for 10 minutes in order to enable the landlord to call into this teleconference hearing scheduled for 9:30 a.m. The tenants attended the hearing and were given a full opportunity to be heard, to present affirmed testimony, to make submissions and to call witnesses. 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 tenants and I were the only ones who had called into this teleconference.

The tenants were advised that Rule 6.11 of the Residential Tenancy Branch Rules of Procedure prohibits the recording of dispute resolution hearings. The tenants testified that they are not recording this dispute resolution hearing.

The tenants confirmed their email addresses for service of this decision.

Rule 7.1 of the Residential Tenancy Rules of Procedure states that the dispute resolution hearing will commence at the scheduled time unless otherwise set by the arbitrator. 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 re-apply.

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Conclusion

Based on the above, in the absence of any evidence or submissions from the applicant I order the application dismissed without liberty 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: August 24, 2021

Residential Tenancy Branch