

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

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

<u>Introduction</u>

This hearing was convened as a result of the landlord's Application for Dispute Resolution (application) seeking remedy under the *Residential Tenancy Act* (Act). The landlord applied for a monetary order in the amount of \$4,899.94 for damage to the unit, site or property, to retain all or part of the tenants' security deposit and pet damage deposit, and to recover the cost of the filing fee.

The landlord, an agent for the landlord, RB (agent) and tenant TW (tenant) attended the teleconference hearing. The parties gave affirmed testimony, were provided the opportunity to present their evidence orally and in documentary form prior to the hearing and make submissions to me. The hearing process was explained to the parties and an opportunity to ask questions about the hearing process was provided to the parties. Words utilizing the singular shall also include the plural and vice versa where the context requires.

Preliminary and Procedural Matters

The parties were informed at the start of the hearing that recording of the dispute resolution is prohibited under the Residential Tenancy Branch (RTB) Rules of Procedure (Rules) Rule 6.11. The parties were also informed that if any recording devices were being used, they were directed to immediately cease the recording of the hearing. In addition, the parties were informed that if any recording was surreptitiously made and used for any purpose, they will be referred to the RTB Compliance Enforcement Unit for the purpose of an investigation under the Act. Neither party had any questions about my direction pursuant to RTB Rule 6.11.

In addition, the parties confirmed their respective email addresses at the outset of the hearing and stated that they understood that the decision would be emailed to them.

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Settlement Agreement

During the hearing, the parties agreed to settle all matters related to this tenancy, on the following conditions:

- 1. The parties agree that the tenants surrender their combined security deposit and pet damage deposit of **\$2,600.00**, which have accrued no interest to date, to the landlords in full satisfaction of all matters related to this tenancy.
- 2. The landlord withdraws their application and waive the filing fee as part of this mutually settled agreement.

This settlement agreement was reached in accordance with section 63 of the Act. The parties confirmed at the end of the hearing that this agreement was made on a voluntary basis and that the parties understood the binding nature of this full and final settlement of these matters.

Conclusion

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

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

The parties confirmed at the end of the hearing that this agreement was made on a voluntary basis and that the parties understood the binding nature of this full and final settlement of all matters related to this tenancy.

This decision will be emailed to both parties at the email addresses confirmed at the outset of the hearing.

This decision is final and binding on the parties, unless 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: October 15, 2021

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