

Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes CNL, FFT

Introduction

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

- cancellation of the landlord's Two Month Notice to End Tenancy for Landlord's Use of Property, dated May 31, 2021 ("2 Month Notice"), pursuant to section 49;
- authorization to recover the filing fee for this application, pursuant to section 72.

The applicant tenant did not attend this hearing, which lasted approximately 10 minutes. The respondent landlord attended the hearing and was given a full opportunity to be heard, to present affirmed testimony, to make submissions and to call witnesses.

The hearing began at 11:00 a.m. and ended at 11:10 a.m. I monitored the teleconference line throughout this hearing. 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 landlord and I were the only people who called into this teleconference.

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

I explained the hearing process to the landlord. He had an opportunity to ask questions. He did not make any adjournment or accommodation requests.

The landlord stated that he did not receive the tenant's application for dispute resolution hearing package. He said that he got an email evidence reminder from the RTB. He claimed that he called the RTB and was given the access code to call into this hearing.

Preliminary Issue - Dismissal of Tenant's Application

Rule 7.3 of the RTB *Rules of Procedure* 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 reapply.

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

<u>Analysis</u>

Pursuant to section 55 of the *Act*, if I dismiss the tenant's application to cancel a 2 Month Notice, the landlord is entitled to an order of possession, provided that the notice meets the requirements of section 52 of the *Act*.

The landlord stated that he did not require an order of possession because the tenant moved out of the rental unit. I notified the landlord that I would not issue an order of possession, since he did not require one. He confirmed his understanding of same.

Conclusion

The tenant's entire application is dismissed without leave to reapply.

The landlord is not issued an order of possession against the tenant.

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: October 14, 2021

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