

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes OPR-DR, MNR-DR, FFL

This matter proceeded by way of an ex parte Direct Request Proceeding pursuant to section 55(4) of the Residential Tenancy Act (the Act) and dealt with an Application for Dispute Resolution filed by the Landlord for an order of possession and a monetary order for unpaid rent and to recover the filing fee.

In an *ex parte* Direct Request Proceeding, the onus is on the landlord to ensure that all submitted evidentiary material is in accordance with the prescribed criteria and that such evidentiary material does not lend itself to ambiguity or give rise to issues that may need further clarification beyond the purview of a Direct Request Proceeding. If the landlord cannot establish that all documents meet the standard necessary to proceed via the Direct Request Proceeding, the application may be found to have deficiencies that necessitate a participatory hearing, or, in the alternative, the application may be dismissed.

Policy Guideline #39 confirms a landlord must provide certain documents, including documents showing changes to the tenancy agreement or tenancy, such as rent increases, or changes to parties or their agents.

In this case, the Tenant named in the application does not match the name of the tenant that appears in the tenancy agreement. In addition, the Rental Address provided with the application does not match the address of the rental unit in the tenancy agreement.

No documents were submitted to explain these discrepancies.

Considering the above, I find that the evidence submitted by the Landlord gives rise to issues that cannot be resolved in a Direct Request Proceeding. As a result, I order that the Landlord's requests for an order of possession and a monetary order for unpaid rent are dismissed with leave to reapply.

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As the Landlord has not been successful, I order that the Landlord's request to recover the filing fee is dismissed without leave 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: January 19, 2022

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