

Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes MNECT FFT

Introduction

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

- a monetary order for compensation for money owed under the *Act*, regulation or tenancy agreement pursuant to section 67; and
- authorization to recover the filing fee for this application from the respondent pursuant to section 72.

While the landlords attended the hearing by way of conference call, the tenants did not. I waited until 1:40 p.m. to enable the tenants to participate in this scheduled hearing for 1:30 p.m. I confirmed that the correct call-in numbers and participant codes had been provided in the Notice of Hearing. I note that the teleconference system did show that a party had attempted to call into the hearing sometime at the beginning of the hearing, but were disconnected. No parties announced themselves other than the landlords in the hearing. The number did not appear to correspond with the phone numbers provided by the applicants. The line was kept open, and the landlords and I waited until 1:40 p.m. in case the tenants or the disconnected party were attempting to call back in. As no other parties joined the hearing by 1:40 p.m., the hearing was ended at this time.

Rule 7.3 of the 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 re-apply

As the tenants failed to attend the hearing for their application, **I order the application 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: June 14, 2022

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