Dispute Resolution Services

Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes   RP FFT

Introduction

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

- an order to the landlord to make repairs to the rental unit pursuant to section 33; and
- authorization to recover the filing fee for this application from the landlord, pursuant to section 72 of the *Act.*

While the landlord's agents attended the hearing by way of conference call, the tenant did not. I waited until 11:10a.m. to enable the tenant to participate in this scheduled hearing for 11:00 am. I confirmed that the correct call-in numbers and participant codes had been provided in the Notice of Hearing. During the hearing, I also confirmed from the online teleconference system that the landlord and I were the only ones who had called into this teleconference.

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

Accordingly, **in the absence of any submissions in this hearing I order the application dismissed with liberty to reapply**. I make no findings on the merits of the matter. Liberty to reapply is not an extension of any applicable limitation period.

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: September 26, 2022

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