



# Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch  
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

## **SETTLEMENT DECISION**

Dispute Codes      MNSDS-DR, FFT

### Introduction

This hearing originated as a Direct Request proceeding. In an Interim Decision dated February 9, 2022 a participatory hearing was ordered.

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

- a Monetary Order for the return of the security deposit, pursuant to sections 38 and 67; and
- authorization to recover the filing fee for this application from the landlord, pursuant to section 72.

Tenant M.G. and the landlord attended the hearing and were each given a full opportunity to be heard, to present affirmed testimony, to make submissions, and to call witnesses.

Both parties were advised that Rule 6.11 of the Residential Tenancy Branch Rules of Procedure prohibits the recording of dispute resolution hearings. Both parties testified that they are not recording this dispute resolution hearing.

Per section 95(3) of the Act, the parties may be fined up to \$5,000.00 if they record this hearing: "A person who contravenes or fails to comply with a decision or an order made by the director commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of not more than \$5 000."

Both parties confirmed their email addresses for service of this Settlement Decision and Order.

### Analysis

Pursuant to section 63 of the *Act*, the Arbitrator may assist the parties to settle their dispute and if the parties settle their dispute during the dispute resolution proceedings, the settlement may be recorded in the form of a decision or an order. During the hearing the parties discussed the issues between them, engaged in a conversation, turned their minds to compromise and achieved a resolution of their dispute.

Both parties agreed to the following final and binding settlement of all issues currently under dispute:

1. The tenants agree to allow the landlord to retain \$300.00 from their security deposit.
2. The landlord agrees to return the remaining \$1,050.00 from the tenants' security deposit to the tenants, via cheque.
3. The landlord agrees to send the above cheque to the tenants via registered mail at the mailing address provided in this hearing and located on the cover page of this decision, on or before September 27, 2022.

These particulars comprise the full and final settlement of all aspects of this dispute for both parties. Both parties gave verbal affirmation at the hearing that they understood and agreed to the above terms as legal, final and binding, which settle all aspects of this dispute.

### Conclusion

To give effect to the settlement reached between the parties and as discussed with them during the hearing, I issue the attached Monetary Order in the amount of \$1,050.00 to be used by the tenants **only** if the landlord does not abide by the terms of the settlement agreement.

Should the landlord fail to comply with this Order, this Order may be filed and enforced as an Order of the Small Claims Court of British Columbia.

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 20, 2022

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