



Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes CNL, FFT

Introduction

This hearing was convened as a result of the Tenant's Application for Dispute Resolution, made on August 5, 2022 (the "Application"). The Tenant applied for the following relief, pursuant to the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the "Act"):

- an order to cancel a Two Month Notice to End Tenancy for Landlord's Use of Property (the "Two Month Notice") dated July 18, 2022; and
- an order granting the return of the filing fee.

The hearing was scheduled for 1:30PM on October 3, 2022 as a teleconference hearing. Only the Tenant appeared at the hearing. No one called in for the Landlord. The conference call line remained open and was monitored for 10 minutes before the call ended. At the start of the hearing, the Tenant stated that she did not serve a copy of the Notice of Hearing to the Landlord prior to the hearing. The Tenant stated that she was unaware that she had to do so and does not check her email often.

Preliminary Matters

3.1 Documents that must be served with the Notice of Dispute Resolution Proceeding Package

The applicant must, within three days of the Notice of Dispute Resolution Proceeding Package being made available by the Residential Tenancy Branch, serve each respondent with copies of all of the following: a) the Notice of Dispute Resolution Proceeding provided to the applicant by the Residential Tenancy Branch, which includes the Application for Dispute Resolution; b) the Respondent Instructions for Dispute Resolution; c) the dispute resolution process fact sheet (RTB-114) or direct request process fact sheet (RTB-130) provided by the Residential Tenancy Branch; and d) any other evidence submitted to the Residential Tenancy Branch directly or through a Service BC Office with the Application for Dispute Resolution, in accordance with Rule 2.5 [Documents that must be submitted with an Application for Dispute Resolution].

3.5 Proof of service required at the dispute resolution hearing

At the hearing, the applicant must be prepared to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the arbitrator that each respondent was served with the Notice of Dispute Resolution Proceeding Package and all evidence as required by the Act and these Rules of Procedure.

Section 89 of the *Act* establishes the following Special rules for certain documents, which include an application for dispute resolution:

89(1) An application for dispute resolution,...when required to be given to one party by another, must be given in one of the following ways:

- (a) by leaving a copy with the person;
- (b) if the person is a landlord, by leaving a copy with an agent of the landlord;
- (c) by sending a copy by registered mail to the address at which the person resides or, if the person is a landlord, to the address at which the person carries on business as a landlord;
- (d) if the person is a tenant, by sending a copy by registered mail to a forwarding address provided by the tenant;
- (e) as ordered by the director under section 71(1) [director's orders: delivery and service of document]...

The Tenant has not served the Landlord in a manner required by section 89(1) of the *Act*. I am not satisfied that the Landlord was served with the Tenant's Application for dispute resolution and therefore would not have been made aware of today's hearing. As such, I dismiss the Tenant's Application with leave to reapply.

Conclusion

I dismiss the Tenant's Application with leave to reapply. Leave to reapply does not extend any deadlines established pursuant to the *Act*.

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 03, 2022

Residential Tenancy Branch