## **Dispute Resolution Services**

Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

## DECISION

Dispute Codes CNC, FFT

Introduction

Pursuant to section 58 of the Residential Tenancy Act (the Act), I was designated to hear an application regarding the above-noted tenancy. The tenant applied for:

- cancellation of the One Month Notice to End Tenancy for Cause (the Notice), pursuant to section 47; and
- an authorization to recover the filing fee for this application, under section 72.

I left the teleconference connection open until 11:12 A.M. to enable the tenant to call into this teleconference hearing scheduled for 11:00 A.M. The tenant did not attend the hearing. The landlord attended the hearing and was given a full opportunity to be heard, to present affirmed testimony, to make submissions and to call witnesses. I confirmed that the correct call-in numbers and participant codes had been provided in the Notice of Hearing. I also confirmed from the teleconference system that the landlord and I were the only ones who had called into this teleconference.

At the outset of the hearing all the parties were clearly informed of the Rules of Procedure, including Rule 6.10 about interruptions and inappropriate behaviour, and Rule 6.11, which prohibits the recording of a dispute resolution hearing. All the parties confirmed they understood the Rules of Procedure.

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 \$5,000.00."

The landlord stated the tenant did not serve the notice of hearing. The landlord received an email from the Residential Tenancy Branch and learned about this application.

Based on the foregoing, I find the tenant did not serve the notice of hearing.

Rule of Procedure 3.1 states:

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].

(emphasis added)

As the tenant did not serve the notice of hearing, I dismiss the tenant's application with leave to reapply. Leave to reapply is not an extension of timeline to apply.

The tenant must bear the cost of the filing fee, as the tenant was not successful.

## **Conclusion**

I dismiss the tenant's application with 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: December 07, 2022

Residential Tenancy Branch