

## **Dispute Resolution Services**

Residential Tenancy Branch Ministry of Housing

## **DECISION**

<u>Dispute Codes</u> MNDL-S, MNDCL-S, FFL / MNDCT, MNSD, FFT

## Introduction

This hearing dealt with two applications pursuant to the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the "**Act**"). The landlord's application for:

- authorization to retain all or a portion of the security deposit in partial satisfaction of the monetary order requested pursuant to section 38;
- a monetary order for unpaid utilities and for money owed or compensation for damage or loss under the Act, regulation or tenancy agreement in the amount of \$360.07 pursuant to section 67; and
- authorization to recover the filing fee for this application from the tenant pursuant to section 72.

And the tenant's application for:

- monetary order for \$1,800 representing two times the amount of the security deposit pursuant to section 62 of the Act; and
- authorization to recover the filing fee for this application from the landlord pursuant to section 72.

Both parties attended the hearing and were each given a full opportunity to be heard, to present affirmed testimony, to make submissions, and to call witnesses.

Pursuant to section 63 of the Act, an 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 landlord may return \$270 of the security deposit.
- 2. The landlord must return the balance of the security deposit, \$630, to the tenant by March 13, 2023, via a money order sent by registered mail to the tenant's address listed on the cover of this decision.

These particulars comprise the full and final settlement of all aspects of this dispute. The parties gave verbal affirmation at the hearing that they understood and agreed to

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the above terms as legal, final, and binding, which settle all aspects of this dispute between.

## Conclusion

As the parties have reached a settlement, I make no factual findings about the merits of this application.

To give effect to the settlement reached between the parties, and as discussed at the hearing, I issue the attached monetary order ordering the landlord to pay the tenant \$630 by March 13, 2023.

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: February 27, 2023

Residential Tenancy Branch