

Dispute Resolution Services

Page: 1

Residential Tenancy Branch Ministry of Housing

DECISION

Dispute Codes: MNDCL-S, FFL

Introduction

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

- a monetary order for monetary loss or money owed pursuant to section 67; and
- authorization to recover the filing fee for this application, pursuant to section 72

Both parties attended the hearing and were given a full opportunity to be heard, to present their sworn testimony, to make submissions, to call witnesses and to cross-examine one another.

Pursuant to Rule 6.11 of the RTB Rules of Procedure, the Residential Tenancy Branch's teleconference system automatically records audio for all dispute resolution hearings. In accordance with Rule 6.11, persons are still prohibited from recording dispute resolution hearings themselves; this includes any audio, photographic, video or digital recording. Both parties confirmed that they understood.

The tenant confirmed receipt of the landlord's application for dispute resolution hearing and evidence. In accordance with sections 88 and 89 of the *Act*, I find that the tenant duly served with the landlord's application and evidence. The tenant did not submit any written evidence for this hearing.

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, 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 at this time

Page: 2

1. The tenants agreed that the landlord may retain \$1,080.86 of the tenants' security deposit, which settles all aspects of this dispute.

- 2. The landlord agreed to return the remainder of the tenants' security deposit (\$1,200.00-1,080.86=\$119.14) way of e-transfer to the tenants' email by the end of the day. The tenant's email is recorded on the cover page of this decision.
- 3. Both parties agreed that this settlement agreement constituted a final and binding resolution of the landlord's application.

These particulars comprise the full and final settlement of all aspects of this dispute for both parties. Both parties testified at the hearing that they understood and agreed to the above terms, free of any duress or coercion. Both parties testified that they understood and agreed that the above terms are legal, final, binding and enforceable, which settle all aspects of this dispute.

Conclusion

In accordance with the settlement agreement above, I order that the landlord retain \$1,080.86 of the tenants' security deposit. The remaining \$119.14 shall be returned to the tenants by way of e-transfer by the end of the hearing date.

I issue a Monetary Order in the tenants' favour in the amount of \$119.14. The tenants are provided with this Order and the landlord must be served with a copy of this Order as soon as possible in the event that the landlord does not abide by condition #2 of the above agreement. Should the landlord fail to comply with this Order, this Order may be filed in the Small Claims Division of the Provincial Court and enforced as an Order of that Court.

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: March 02, 2023

Residential Tenancy Branch