

# **Dispute Resolution Services**

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Residential Tenancy Branch Ministry of Housing

## DECISION

Dispute Codes MNDCT, MNSD

# MNRL-S, MNDL-S, FFL

### Introduction

This hearing dealt with applications filed by both the landlord and the tenant pursuant the Residential Tenancy Act.

The tenant applied for:

- A monetary order for damages or compensation pursuant section 67 and
- An order for the return of a security deposit or pet damage deposit pursuant to section 38.

The landlord applied for:

- A monetary order for unpaid rent and authorization to withhold a security deposit pursuant to sections 67 and 38;
- A monetary order for damages caused by the tenant, their guests to the unit, site or property and authorization to withhold a security deposit pursuant to sections 67 and 38; and
- Authorization to recover the filing fee from the other party pursuant to section 72.

Both parties attended the hearing. As both parties were present, service was confirmed. The parties each confirmed receipt of the respective applications and evidence. Based on the testimonies I find that each party was served with these materials as required under RTA sections 88 and 89.

The parties were informed at the start of the hearing that recording of the dispute resolution is prohibited under the Rule 6.11 of the Residential Tenancy Branch Rules of Procedure ("Rules") and that if any recording was made without my authorization, the offending party would be referred to the RTB Compliance Enforcement Unit for the purpose of an investigation and potential fine under the Act.

Each party was administered an affirmation to tell the truth and they both confirmed that they were not recording the hearing.

#### Settlement Reached

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. I During the hearing the parties discussed the issues between them, turned their minds to compromise and achieved the following resolution of their dispute with the following terms:

The landlord agrees to return the tenant's security deposit in the amount of \$700.00.

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. As the parties resolved matters by agreement, I make no findings of fact or law with respect to the applications before me.

The decision to order payment of the filing fee is discretionary upon the arbitrator and since this matter was settled by agreement, I decline to order that the filing fees be recovered by either party.

#### **Conclusion**

In order to implement the above settlement reached between the parties and as discussed with them at the hearing, I issue a monetary Order in the tenant's favour in the amount of \$700.00.

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: May 29, 2023

Residential Tenancy Branch