



Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Ministry of Housing

DECISION

Dispute Codes MNDL-S, FFL

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 landlord applied for:

- a monetary order for loss under the Act, the regulation or tenancy agreement, pursuant to section 67;
- an authorization to retain the security deposit, under section 38; and
- an authorization to recover the filing fee for this application, under section 72.

Respondent RK (tenant) called into this teleconference at the date and time set for the hearing of this matter. Although I waited until 1:41 P.M. to enable the applicant (landlord) to connect with this teleconference hearing scheduled for 1:30 P.M., the applicant did not attend. The tenant 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. During the hearing, I also confirmed from the online teleconference system that the tenant and I were the only persons who had called into this teleconference.

The tenant confirmed receipt of the notice of hearing from the landlord in 2022 and affirmed that the rental unit's address provided by the landlord is wrong.

Rules 7.1 and 7.3 of the Rules of Procedure provide as follows:

Rule 7 – During the hearing

7.1 Commencement of the dispute resolution hearing

The dispute resolution hearing will commence at the scheduled time unless otherwise set by the arbitrator.

7.3 Consequences of not attending the hearing

If a party or their agent fails to attend the hearing, the arbitrator may conduct the dispute resolution hearing in the absence of that party, or dismiss the application, with or without leave to re-apply.

Accordingly, in the absence of any attendance at this hearing by the applicant, I order the application dismissed without leave to reapply. I do not grant leave to reapply, as the tenant confirmed receipt of the notice of hearing, attended the hearing and the landlord did not attend.

Conclusion

I dismiss the application without 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: May 11, 2023

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