

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

<u>Dispute Codes</u> MNDL-S, FFL

<u>Introduction</u>

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

- a Monetary Order for damage, pursuant to section 67;
- authorization to retain the tenants' security deposit, pursuant to section 38; and
- authorization to recover the filing fee from the tenants, pursuant to section 72.

An agent for the landlord and an agent for the tenants attended the hearing and were each given a full opportunity to be heard, to present affirmed testimony, to make submissions, and to call witnesses.

Both parties confirmed their email addresses for service of this Settlement Decision.

<u>Settlement</u>

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, 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 tenants agree to allow the landlord to keep their security deposit of \$550.00.
- 2. The tenants agree to pay the landlord \$1,000.00 via e-transfer by June 14, 2023.

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These particulars comprise the full and final settlement of all aspects of this dispute for both parties. Both parties gave verbal affirmation at the hearing that they understood and agreed to the above terms as legal, final and binding, which settle all aspects of this dispute.

Conclusion

To give effect to the settlement reached between the parties and as discussed with them during the hearing, I issue the attached Monetary Order in the amount of \$1,000.00, to be used by the landlord **only** if the tenants do not abide by term 2 of the settlement agreement.

Should the tenants fail to comply with this Order, this Order may be filed and enforced as an Order of the Small Claims Court of British Columbia.

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: June 13, 2023

Residential Tenancy Branch