

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

<u>Dispute Codes</u> MNR, FF

Introduction

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

- a monetary order for unpaid rent, 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 each given a full opportunity to be heard, to present affirmed testimony, to make submissions and to call witnesses. This hearing lasted approximately 33 minutes in order to allow both parties to fully negotiate a settlement of this matter.

The tenant confirmed receipt of the landlord's application for dispute resolution hearing package. In accordance with sections 89 and 90 of the *Act*, I find that the tenant was duly served with the landlord's application. I had not received the landlord's written evidence prior to the hearing, which the tenant confirmed he received. As this matter settled, I make no findings regarding service of this evidence on the Residential Tenancy Branch.

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, 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 with respect to this entire tenancy:

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1. The tenant agreed to pay the landlord a total of \$500.00 by way of an electronic funds transfer by September 25, 2016;

- 2. The landlord agreed to bear the cost of the \$50.00 filing fee paid for this application;
- Both parties agreed that this settlement agreement constitutes a final and binding resolution of the landlord's application at this hearing and any issues arising out of this tenancy;
- 4. Both parties agreed that they will not initiate any further claims or applications against each other at the Residential Tenancy Branch, with respect to any issues arising out of this tenancy.

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

Conclusion

In order to implement the above settlement reached between the parties, and as advised to both parties during the hearing, I issue a monetary Order in the landlord's favour in the amount of \$500.00. I deliver this Order to the landlord in support of the above agreement for use **only** in the event that the tenant does not abide by condition #1 of the above agreement. The landlord is provided with this Order in the above terms and the tenant must be served with a copy of this Order as soon as possible after the tenant does not abide by condition #1 of the above agreement. Should the tenant 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.

The landlord must bear the cost of the \$50.00 filing fee paid for his application.

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: August 23, 2016

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