



Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes MNRL-S, FFL

Introduction

This hearing convened as a result of a Landlords' Application for Dispute Resolution, filed on September 24, 2020, wherein the Landlords sought monetary compensation from the Tenants for unpaid rent and utilities, recovery of the filing fee and authority to retain the Tenants' security deposit towards any amounts awarded.

The hearing of the Landlords' Application was scheduled for teleconference at 1:30 p.m. on January 15, 2021. The line remained open while the phone system was monitored until 1:45 p.m. and no participant called into the hearing during this time.

I confirmed that the correct call-in numbers and participant codes had been provided in the Notice of Hearing. I also confirmed from the teleconference system that I was the only person who had called into this teleconference.

Analysis and Conclusion

Rules 7.1 and 7.3 of the *Residential Tenancy Branch Rules of Procedure* provides as follows:

Commencement of Hearing:

The hearing must commence at the scheduled time unless otherwise decided by the arbitrator.

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.

As neither party called into the hearing by 1:45 p.m., I dismiss the Landlords' claim with leave to reapply. I note this does not extend any applicable time limits under the *Act*.

This Decision is final and binding on the parties, except as otherwise provided under the Act, and 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: January 15, 2021

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