

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

<u>Dispute Codes</u> MNETC, FFT

<u>Introduction</u>

This hearing dealt with an application by the tenant under the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the *Act*) for the following:

- A monetary order in an amount equivalent to twelve times the monthly rent payable under the tenancy agreement under section 51(2) and 67;
- An order requiring the landlord to reimburse the tenant for the filing fee pursuant to section 72.

TM attended for the tenants ("the tenant"). The landlords did not attend the hearing although I left the teleconference hearing connection open from the scheduled time for an additional thirty minutes to enable them to call. I confirmed that the Notice of Hearing provided the correct call-in numbers and participant codes. I also confirmed from the teleconference system that the tenant and I were the only ones who had called into this teleconference

The tenant explained that they had been unable to serve the landlords. The tenant requested that the matter be dismissed with leave to reapply.

Rule 7.3 of the Rules of Procedure provides as follows:

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 reapply.

In consideration of the tenant's testimony and in the absence of any evidence or submissions, I order the application dismissed with leave to reapply.

Conclusion

I order the application dismissed with 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: February 25, 2022

Residential Tenancy Branch