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AQUEELAH TORRANCE,  
Tenant/Petitioner,

v.

BORGER MANAGEMENT, INC.,  
Housing Provider/Respondent.

Case No.: RH-TP-08-29484

*In re:* 2480 16<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Unit 117

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**FINAL ORDER**

On November 18, 2008, Tenant/Petitioner Aqueelah Torrence (“Tenant”) filed a tenant petition alleging violations of the Rental Housing Act of 1985. A Case Management Order was issued on January 5, 2009, scheduling a hearing for February 10, 2009. On February 9, 2009, Tenant filed correspondence which I have construed as a motion for voluntary withdrawal of the tenant petition pursuant to OAH Rule 2817.1. The motion stated that Tenant was no longer interested in pursuing the matter because Housing Provider agreed to provide a rent rebate of \$500.

The rules of this administrative court provide a petitioner may file a summary motion for voluntary dismissal of any action. *Id.* The rules further provide that unless otherwise stipulated by the parties or otherwise provided by statute, a voluntary dismissal shall be without prejudice. OAH Rule 2817.4. Accordingly, Tenant’s request to dismiss the petition without prejudice is granted.

Therefore, it is this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March 2009:

**ORDERED**, that Tenant's motion for voluntary dismissal is hereby **GRANTED**; and it is further

**ORDERED**, that Case No. RH-TP-08-29484 is hereby **DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE**; and it is further

**ORDERED**, that the reconsideration and appeal rights of any party aggrieved by this Order are set forth below.



Erika L. Pierson  
Administrative Law Judge

## MOTIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION

Any party served with a final order may file a motion for reconsideration within ten (10) days of service of the final order in accordance with 1 DCMR 2937. When the final order is served by mail, five (5) days are added to the 10 day period in accordance with 1 DCMR 2811.5.

A motion for reconsideration shall be granted only if there has been an intervening change in the law; if new evidence has been discovered that previously was not reasonably available to the party seeking reconsideration; if there is a clear error of law in the final order; if the final order contains typographical, numerical, or technical errors; or if a party shows that there was a good reason for not attending the hearing.

The Administrative Law Judge has thirty (30) days to decide a motion for reconsideration. If a timely motion for reconsideration of a final order is filed, the time to appeal shall not begin to run until the motion for reconsideration is decided or denied by operation of law. If the Judge has not ruled on the motion for reconsideration and 30 days have passed, the motion is automatically denied and the 10 day period for filing an appeal to the Rental Housing Commission begins to run.

## APPEAL RIGHTS

Pursuant to D.C. Official Code §§ 2-1831.16(b) and 42-3502.16(h), any party aggrieved by a Final Order issued by the Office of Administrative Hearings may appeal the Final Order to the District of Columbia Rental Housing Commission within ten (10) business days after service of the final order, in accordance with the Commission's rule, 14 DCMR 3802. If the Final Order is served on the parties by mail, an additional three (3) days shall be allowed, in accordance with 14 DCMR 3802.2.

Additional important information about appeals to the Rental Housing Commission may be found in the Commission's rules, 14 DCMR 3800 et seq., or you may contact the Commission at the following address:

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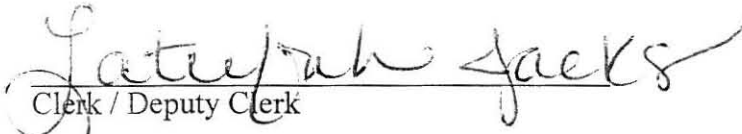
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I hereby certify that on 3-31, 2009,  
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