

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK  
COMMISSION ON LANDLORD-TENANT AFFAIRS

Dwayne Meadows  
8307 Roanoke Avenue, Apt. 1  
Takoma Park, Maryland 20912

Tenant

v.

Elizabeth-Ashley Forsythe  
P.O. Box 5675  
Takoma Park, Maryland 20913

Landlord

COLTA Case No. 07-14T

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**ORDER**

On March 8, 2007, Dwayne Meadows (“Tenant”), then the tenant of 8307 Roanoke Avenue, Apt. 1, Takoma Park, Maryland (“Property”), filed a Complaint with the City of Takoma Park Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs (hereinafter referred to as “COLTA” or “Commission”) against Elizabeth-Ashley Forsythe (“Landlord”), the owner of the Property. This Complaint was docketed as Case No. 07-14T.

The Tenant’s Complaint, as amended, alleged that the Landlord caused a defective tenancy because of several violations of his lease and Chapter 6, Housing, of the *Takoma Park Code*.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Section 6.24.020 of the *Takoma*

*Park Code*. In accordance with Section 6.24.080 of the *Takoma Park Code*, the Commission held a public hearing on April 15, 2008. The Tenant, as the party filing the Complaint, has the burden of proof by a preponderance of the evidence. § 6.24.080 (J). The Commission mailed a Notice of Public Hearing to the parties on March 6, 2008. The Notice stated that the hearing would be held on April 15, 2008, in the Council Chambers of the Takoma Park Community Center, located at 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland, at 7:00 p.m. The Notice advised the parties that the Tenant's failure to appear at the hearing may result in dismissal of the Complaint. A Panel of the Commission convened at the appointed time and place for the hearing. The Landlord was present at the hearing. The Tenant did not appear at the hearing.

In accordance with section 6.24.080.E, it is this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2008, ORDERED that this case is DISMISSED because of Tenant's failure to appear at the hearing to prosecute his case.

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Joanne Hill, Presiding Commissioner

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Juan Jose Canales, Commissioner

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Catherine C. Wakelyn, Commissioner

**Notice of Appeal Rights**

Any party aggrieved by a final Opinion and Order of the Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs may appeal to the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Maryland, under the Court rules governing judicial review of administrative decisions within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of the final Opinion and Order. The filing of a petition for judicial review will not stay a final Opinion and Order unless so ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction.