



Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding Pemberton Holmes Property Management
and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

DECISION

Dispute Codes

OPR, MNR

Introduction

This matter was conducted by way of Direct Request Proceeding, pursuant to section 55(4) of the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the "Act"), and dealt with an Application for Dispute Resolution by the landlord for an Order of possession and a monetary Order.

The landlord submitted a signed Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding which declares that on March 21, 2014 at 4 p.m., at the rental unit the landlord's agent, M.M., personally served the tenant with the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding. A proof of service document, signed by the agent, was submitted as evidence confirming service occurred.

Section 90 of the Act determines that a document is deemed to have been served on the day of personal delivery.

Therefore, based on the written submissions of the landlord, I find that the tenant has been served, pursuant to sections 89 and 90 of the Act, with the Direct Request Proceeding documents effective March 21, 2014.

Issue(s) to be Decided

Is the landlord entitled to an Order of possession?

Is the landlord entitled to monetary Order for unpaid rent?

Background and Evidence

The landlord submitted the following evidentiary material:

- A copy of the Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Proceeding for the tenant;

- A copy of a residential tenancy agreement which was signed by the parties on April 5, 2013, indicating a monthly rent of \$800.00 due in advance on or before the first day of the month;
- Tenancy addendums;
- A tenant ledger; and
- A copy of a 10 day Notice to end tenancy for unpaid rent or utilities which was issued on March 6, 2014 with a stated effective vacancy date of March 20, 2014, for \$1,050.00 in unpaid rent.

Documentary evidence filed by the landlord indicated that the tenant has failed to pay \$250.00 of February 2014 rent and did not pay March, 2014 rent in the sum of \$800.00. The tenant was served the 10 day Notice to end tenancy for unpaid rent or utilities by personal delivery on March 6, 2014 at 1:15 p.m. The landlord's agent M.M. signed a proof of service document declaring service took place at the rental unit address.

The Notice indicated that the Notice would be automatically cancelled if the landlord received \$1,050.00 within 5 days after the tenant was assumed to have received the Notice. The Notice also indicated that the tenant was presumed to have accepted that the tenancy was ending and that the tenant must move out of the rental by the date set out in the Notice unless the tenant files an Application for Dispute Resolution within 5 days.

The landlord has requested compensation in the sum of \$1,050.00 for unpaid February and March 2014 rent.

Analysis

I have reviewed all documentary evidence and accept that the tenant has been served with notice to end tenancy as declared by the landlord.

Section 90 of the Act stipulates that a document given personally is deemed served on the day of personal delivery. Therefore, I find that the tenant received the Notice to end tenancy on March 6, 2014.

Section 46(1) of the Act stipulates that a 10 day Notice ending tenancy is effective 10 days after the date that the tenant receives the Notice. As the tenant is deemed to have received this Notice on March 6, 2014, I find that the earliest effective date of the Notice is March 16, 2014.

In the absence of evidence to the contrary, I find that the tenant was served with a Notice ending tenancy that required the tenant to vacate the rental unit on March 20, 2014; the date indicated on the Notice, pursuant to section 46 of the Act.

Section 46 of the Act stipulates that a tenant has 5 days from the date of receiving the Notice ending tenancy to either pay the outstanding rent or to file an Application for Dispute Resolution to dispute the Notice.

In the circumstances before me I have no evidence that the tenant exercised either of these rights; therefore, pursuant to section 46(5) of the Act, I find that the tenant is conclusively presumed to have accepted that the tenancy has ended on the effective date of the Notice; March 20, 2014.

Therefore, I find, pursuant to section 55 of the Act, that the landlord is entitled to an Order of possession effective **two days after service** on the tenant. The Order may be filed in the Supreme Court and enforced as an Order of that Court.

I find that the landlord is entitled to monetary compensation, pursuant section 65 of the Act, in the amount of \$1,050.00 for February and March 2014 rent owed and I grant an Order in that amount. This Order must be served on the tenant and may be filed in the Provincial Court (Small Claims) and enforced as an Order of that Court.

Conclusion

The landlord is entitled to an Order of possession and a monetary Order for unpaid rent.

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: March 26, 2014

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