

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

<u>Dispute Codes</u> OPR, MNR

<u>Introduction</u>

This matter proceeded by way of an *ex parte* 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 based on unpaid rent and a monetary Order.

The landlord submitted two signed Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceedings which declares that on February 06, 2015, the landlord personally handed the tenants the Notice of Direct Request Proceedings. The landlord had one of the tenants as well as a witness sign both Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceedings to confirm delivery of these documents. Based on the written submissions of the landlord and in accordance with section 89 of the *Act*, I find that the tenants have been duly served with the Direct Request Proceeding documents on February 06, 2015, the day that the tenants were personally served.

Issue(s) to be Decided

Is the landlord entitled to an Order of Possession for unpaid rent pursuant to sections 46 and 55 of the *Act*?

Is the landlord entitled to monetary compensation for unpaid rent pursuant to section 67 of the *Act*?

Background and Evidence

The landlord submitted the following evidentiary material:

 A copy of the Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding served to the tenants;

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- A copy of a residential tenancy agreement which was signed by the landlord and the tenants on May 29, 2014, indicating a monthly rent of \$900.00 due on the 31st day of the month for a tenancy commencing on May 31, 2014;
- A Monetary Order Worksheet showing the rent owing and paid during this tenancy. The Monetary Order Worksheet shows a payment by the tenants of \$250.00 towards the January 2015 rent on February 01, 2015.; and
- A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent (the 10 Day Notice) dated January 17, 2015 and posted on the tenants' door on January 17, 2015, with a stated effective vacancy date of January 27, 2015, for \$900.00 in unpaid rent.

Witnessed documentary evidence filed by the landlord indicates that the 10 Day Notice was posted to the tenant's door at 11:00 a.m. on January 17, 2015. The Notice states that the tenants had five days from the date of service to pay the rent in full or apply for Dispute Resolution or the tenancy would end.

<u>Analysis</u>

I have reviewed all documentary evidence and in accordance with sections 88 and 90 of the *Act*, I find that the tenant was deemed served with the 10 Day Notice on January 20, 2015, three days after its posting.

I find that the tenant was obligated to pay the monthly rent in the amount of \$900.00 as per the tenancy agreement.

I accept the evidence before me that the tenant has failed to pay the rent owed in full within the 5 days granted under section 46 (4) of the *Act* and did not dispute the 10 Day Notice within that 5 day period

Based on the foregoing, I find that the tenant is conclusively presumed under section 46(5) of the *Act* to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the corrected effective date of the 10 Day Notice, January 30, 2015.

Therefore, I find that the landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession and a monetary Order in the amount of \$650.00, the amount claimed by the landlord, for unpaid rent owing for January 2015 as of February 05, 2015.

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Conclusion

I grant an Order of Possession to the landlord effective **two days after service of this**Order on the tenants. Should the tenant(s) fail to comply with this Order, this Order may be filed and enforced as an Order of the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

Pursuant to section 67 of the *Act*, I find that the landlord is entitled to a monetary Order in the amount of \$650.00 for rent owed for January 2015. The landlord is provided with this Order in the above terms and the tenants must be served with **this Order** as soon as possible. Should the tenants fail to comply with this Order, this Order may be filed in the Small Claims Division of the Provincial Court and enforced as an Order of that Court.

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 11, 2015

Residential Tenancy Branch