



Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding 0931396 BC LTD.
and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

DECISION

Dispute Codes OPR, MNR

Introduction

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 a signed Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding which declares that on February 21, 2015, the landlord’s agent “CG” served the tenant with the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding via registered mail. The landlord provided a copy of the Canada Post Customer Receipt containing the Tracking Number to confirm this mailing. Section 90 of the *Act* determines that a document served in this manner is deemed to have been received 5 days after service. The Proof of Service form also establishes that the service was witnessed by “DS” and a signature for DS is included on the form.

Based on the written submissions of the landlord, and in accordance with sections 89 and 90 of the *Act*, I find that the tenant has been deemed served with the Direct Request Proceeding documents on February 26, 2015, the fifth day after their registered mailing.

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 tenant;

- A copy of a residential tenancy agreement which was signed by the landlord's agent and the tenant on September 26, 2014, indicating a monthly rent of \$800.00 due on the first day of the month for a fixed-term tenancy commencing on October 1, 2014 and ending on January 31, 2015. The same parties then entered into another fixed term tenancy, with respect to the same rental unit, commencing on February 1, 2015 and ending on March 31, 2015. The most recent tenancy agreement was signed on February 1, 2105 and indicated a monthly rent payment of \$800.00 due on the first day of the month;
- A Monetary Order Worksheet showing the rent owing during the portion of this tenancy in question, on which the landlord establishes a monetary claim in the amount of \$1,088.45 for outstanding rent. The landlord indicates that monthly rent for January 2015 was \$800.00 and a partial payment of \$511.55 was received, resulting in a balance of rent owing in the amount of \$288.45 for January 2015. The outstanding rent owing for February 2015 is \$800.00;
- A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent (the Notice) dated February 5, 2015, which the landlord states was served to the tenant on February 5, 2015, for \$1,088.45 in unpaid rent due on February 1, 2015, with a stated effective vacancy date of February 20, 2015; and
- A copy of the Proof of Service of the Notice showing that on February 5, 2015, the landlord's agent DS served the Notice to the tenant by way of registered mail. The landlord's agent provided a copy of the Canada Post Customer Receipt containing the Tracking Number to confirm this mailing. Section 90 of the Act determines that a document served in this manner is deemed to have been received 5 days after service.

The Notice restates section 46(4) of the Act which provides that the tenant had five days to pay the rent in full or apply for Dispute Resolution or the tenancy would end on the effective date of the Notice. The tenant did not apply to dispute the Notice within five days from the date of service and the landlord alleged that the tenant did not pay the rental arrears.

Analysis

I have reviewed all documentary evidence provided by the landlord. Section 90 of the *Act* provides that because the Notice was served by registered mail, the tenant is deemed to have received the Notice five days after its mailing. In accordance with sections 88 and 90 of the *Act*, I find that the tenant is deemed to have received the Notice on February 10, 2015, five days after its mailing.

I find that the tenant was obligated to pay monthly rent in the amount of \$800.00, as established in the tenancy agreement. I accept the evidence before me that the tenant has failed to pay outstanding rental arrears in the amount of \$1,088.45 in rent owing for the months of January 2015 and February 2015. I find that the tenant received the

Notice on February 10, 2015. I accept the landlord's undisputed evidence and find that the tenant did not pay the rent owed in full within the 5 days granted under section 46(4) of the *Act* and did not apply to dispute the 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 effective date of the Notice, February 20, 2015.

Therefore, I find that the landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession and a monetary Order of \$1,088.45 for unpaid rent owing for January 2015 and February 2015, as of February 20, 2015.

Conclusion

I grant an Order of Possession to the landlord effective **two days after service of this Order** on the tenant. 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 \$1,088.45 for unpaid rent owing for January 2015 and February 2015, as of February 20, 2015. The landlord is provided with these Orders in the above terms and the tenant must be served with **this Order** as soon as possible. Should the tenant fail to comply with these Orders, these Orders may be filed in the Small Claims Division of the Provincial Court and enforced as Orders 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 27, 2015

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