

# **Dispute Resolution Services**

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

## **DECISION**

Dispute Codes 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 Proceeding which declares that on April 23, 2015, the landlord personally served the tenants the Notices of Direct Request Proceeding. The landlord had a witness sign the Proofs of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding to confirm personal service. Based on the written submissions of the landlord and in accordance with section 89, I find that the tenants have been duly served with the Direct Request Proceeding documents on April 23, 2015, the day it was personally served to them.

#### 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:

- Two copies of the Proof of Service of the Notices of Direct Request Proceeding served to the tenants;
- A copy of a residential tenancy agreement which was signed by the landlord and Tenant S.M. on November 01, 2013, indicating a monthly rent of \$1,000.00, due on the first day of the month for a tenancy commencing on November 01, 2013;

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 A Monetary Order Worksheet showing the rent owing and paid during this tenancy; and

A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent (the 10 Day Notice) dated April 05, 2015, and personally handed to Tenant S.M. on April 05, 2015, with a stated effective vacancy date of April 15, 2015, for \$3,600.00 in unpaid rent.

Witnessed documentary evidence filed by the landlord indicates that the 10 Day Notice was personally handed to Tenant S.M. at 2:00 p.m. on April 05, 2015. The 10 Day 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 section 88 of the *Act*, I find that the tenants were duly served with the 10 Day Notice on April 05, 2015.

I find that the tenants were obligated to pay the monthly rent in the amount of \$1,000.00 as per the tenancy agreement.

I accept the evidence before me that the tenants have 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 tenants are conclusively presumed under section 46(5) of the *Act* to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the effective date of the 10 Day Notice, April 15, 2015.

In an *ex parte* Direct Request Proceeding, the onus is on the landlord to ensure that all submitted evidentiary material is in accordance with the prescribed criteria and that such evidentiary material does not lend itself to ambiguity or give rise to issues that may need further clarification beyond the purview of a Direct Request Proceeding. If the landlord cannot establish that all documents meet the standard necessary to proceed via the Direct Request Proceeding, the application may be found to have deficiencies that necessitate a participatory hearing, or, in the alternative, the application may be dismissed.

I find that the monetary order worksheet is incomplete as details regarding the rent owing before January 2015 are not clearly shown. The landlord has stated that \$500.00

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was owed from June 2014, July 2014 and August 2014 but has not given the exact details regarding the rent owing and paid during this time.

The monetary portion of the landlord's application is dismissed with leave to reapply.

Therefore, I find that the landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession for unpaid rent owing for June 2014, July 2014, August 2014, January 2015, February 2015, March 2015 and April 2015 as of April 23, 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.

I dismiss the landlord's application for a monetary Order with leave to reapply.

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: April 27, 2015

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