



# Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch  
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

## **DECISION**

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### 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 two signed Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding forms which declare that on November 14, 2018, the landlord served the tenants with the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding via registered mail. The landlord provided a copy of the Canada Post Customer Receipts containing the Tracking Numbers to confirm these mailings. Section 90 of the *Act* determines that a document served in this manner is deemed to have been received five days after service.

Based on the written submissions of the landlord, and in accordance with sections 89 and 90 of the *Act*, I find that the tenants have been deemed served with the Direct Request Proceeding documents on November 19, 2018 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*?

Is the landlord entitled to recover the filing fee for this application pursuant to section 72 of the *Act*?

## Background and Evidence

The landlord submitted the following evidentiary material:

- A copy of a residential tenancy agreement which was signed by the landlord on December 2, 2014 and one of the tenants on July 22, 2018, indicating a monthly rent of \$900.00 due on the first day of each month for a tenancy commencing on January 1, 2015. The residential tenancy agreement is signed by the second tenant named in this dispute but is not dated;
- A Direct Request Worksheet showing the rent owing and paid during the portion of this tenancy in question, on which the landlord establishes a monetary claim in the amount of \$930.00 for outstanding rent, comprised of the balance of unpaid rent for the month of November, 2018;
- A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent (the Notice) dated November 2, 2018 which the landlord states was served to the tenants on November 2, 2018 for \$930.00 in unpaid rent due on November 1, 2018 with a stated effective vacancy date of November 12, 2018;
- A copy of Notice of Rent Increase dated August 17, 2017 with a rent increase of \$30.00 to take effect on December 1, 2017 bringing the total rent to \$930.00; and
- A copy of the Proof of Service of the Notice form asserting that the landlord served the Notice to the tenants by way of personal service via hand-delivery on November 2, 2018. The Proof of Service form establishes that the service of the Notice was witnessed and a name and signature for the witness are included on the form.

The Notice restates section 46(4) of the *Act* which provides that the tenants 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 tenants did not apply to dispute the Notice within five days from the date of service and the landlord alleged that the tenants did not pay the rental arrears.

## Analysis

I have reviewed all documentary evidence and find that in accordance with section 88 of the *Act* the tenants were duly served with the Notice on November 2, 2018.

I find that the tenants were obligated to pay monthly rent in the amount of \$930.00. I accept the evidence before me that the tenants have failed to pay rental arrears in the amount of \$930.00, comprised of the balance of unpaid rent owed by November 1, 2018.

I accept the landlord's undisputed evidence and find that the tenants did not pay the rent owed in full within the five days granted under section 46 (4) of the *Act* and did not apply to dispute the Notice within that five-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 date of the Notice, November 12, 2018.

As the landlord was successful in this application, I find that the landlord is entitled to recover the \$100.00 filing fee paid for this application. Therefore, I find that the landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession and a monetary Order of \$1,030.00 for unpaid rent owing for November 2018 as of November 9, 2018.

### Conclusion

I grant an Order of Possession to the landlord effective **two days after service of this Order** on the tenant(s). 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 sections 67 and 72 of the *Act*, I find that the landlord is entitled to a monetary Order in the amount of \$1,030.00 for unpaid rent owing for November 2018, and for the recovery of the filing fee for this application. The landlord is provided with these Orders in the above terms and the tenant(s) must be served with **this Order** as soon as possible. Should the tenant(s) 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: November 20, 2018

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