



# Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch  
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

## **DECISION**

**Dispute Codes**      **OPR-DR, MNR-DR**

### **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 to obtain an Order of Possession and a Monetary Order based on unpaid rent.

This decision is written based on the Application for Dispute Resolution, evidence, and submissions provided by the landlord on March 18, 2022.

The landlord submitted a copy of a signed Proof of Service Notice of Direct Request Proceeding form which declares that on March 24, 2022, the landlord sent the tenant the Notice of Dispute Resolution Proceeding - Direct Request by registered mail to the rental unit. The landlord provided a copy of the Canada Post Customer Receipt containing the tracking number to confirm they served the tenant.

Based on the written submissions and evidence of the landlord and in accordance with sections 89(1) and 90 of the *Act*, I find that the Direct Request Proceeding documents were served on March 24, 2022 and are deemed to have been received by the tenant on March 29, 2022, the fifth day after they were mailed.

### **Issues 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**

I have reviewed all written submissions and evidence before me; however, only the evidence and submissions relevant to the issues and findings in this matter are described in this decision.

The landlord submitted the following relevant evidentiary material:

- a copy of a residential tenancy agreement which was signed by the landlord on March 14, 2018 and the tenant on March 16, 2018, indicating a monthly rent of \$2,200.00, due on the first day of each month for a tenancy commencing on April 1, 2018;
- a copy of an addendum to the tenancy agreement signed by the landlord and tenant on September 28, 2019, which indicates that the monthly rent was changed to \$1,700.00;
- a copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent or Utilities (the “10 Day Notice”) dated February 3, 2022, for \$8,500.00 in unpaid rent. The 10 Day Notice provides that the tenant had five days from the date of service to pay the rent in full or apply for Dispute Resolution or the tenancy would end on the stated effective vacancy date of February 17, 2022;
- a copy of a witnessed Proof of Service Notice to End Tenancy form which indicates that the 10 Day Notice was posted to the tenant’s door at 2:00pm on February 3, 2022; and;
- a copy of a two-page Direct Request Worksheet showing the rent owing and paid during the relevant period.

### Analysis

I have reviewed all documentary evidence and in accordance with sections 88 and 90 of the *Act*, I find that the 10 Day Notice was served on February 3, 2022 and is deemed to have been received by the tenant on February 6, 2022, three days after it was posted to the door of the rental unit.

I accept the evidence before me that the tenant has failed to pay the rent owed in full within the five days granted under section 46(4) of the *Act* and did not dispute the 10 Day Notice within that five-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 10 Day Notice, February 17, 2022.

Therefore, I find that the landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession.

I note that the only monetary award available to a landlord by way of the Direct Request process is for unpaid rent and unpaid utilities. The landlord indicates that their monetary claim includes a \$700.00 charge for garbage and debris removal. However, I find that the Direct Request Worksheet does not clearly identify the \$700.00 charge in the break down of monies owed.

I find I am not able to determine what portion of the landlord's monetary claim is comprised of unpaid rent and what portion is garbage and debris removal charges.

For this reason, the landlord's application for a Monetary Order for unpaid rent is dismissed with leave to reapply.

### Conclusion

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

The landlord's application for a Monetary Order for unpaid rent is dismissed 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 19, 2022

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