



Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Ministry of Housing

DECISION

Dispute Codes CNL, OLC, FFT

Introduction

This hearing dealt with the tenant's application pursuant to the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the *Act*) for:

- cancellation of the landlord's 2 Month Notice to End Tenancy for Landlord's Use of Property ("2 Month Notice"), pursuant to section 49;
- an order requiring the landlord to comply with the *Act*, regulation or tenancy agreement pursuant to section 62; and
- authorization to recover the filing fee for this application from the landlord, pursuant to section 72.

Both parties attended the hearing and were given a full opportunity to be heard.

Pursuant to Rule 6.11 of the RTB Rules of Procedure, the Residential Tenancy Branch's teleconference system automatically records audio for all dispute resolution hearings. In accordance with Rule 6.11, persons are still prohibited from recording dispute resolution hearings themselves; this includes any audio, photographic, video or digital recording. Both parties confirmed that they understood.

Analysis

Pursuant to section 63 of the *Act*, the Arbitrator may assist the parties to settle their dispute and if the parties settle their dispute during the dispute resolution proceedings, the settlement may be recorded in the form of a decision or an order. During the hearing the parties discussed the issues between them, turned their minds to compromise and achieved a resolution of their dispute.

Both parties agreed to the following final and binding settlement of all issues currently under dispute at this time:

1. Both parties entered into a mutual agreement that this tenancy will end by 1:00 p.m. on March 31, 2023, by which time and date the tenant and any other occupants will have vacated the rental unit.
2. Both parties agreed that the tenant does not owe any utilities as of the hearing date.
3. Pursuant to section 51(1) of the *Act*, the landlord agreed that the tenant may withhold their rent for March 2023 in satisfaction of the one month's compensation owed to the tenant.

These particulars comprise the full and final settlement of all aspects of this dispute for both parties, with the exception of the tenant's application for recovery of the filing fee, which will be dealt with in this decision. Both parties testified at the hearing that they understood and agreed to the above terms, free of any duress or coercion. Both parties testified that they understood and agreed that the above terms are legal, final, binding and enforceable, which settle all aspects of this dispute.

The filing fee is a discretionary award issued by an Arbitrator usually after a hearing is held and the applicant is successful on the merits of the application. As I was not required to make a decision on the merits of this case, the tenant is not entitled to recover the \$100.00 filing fee paid for this application. The tenant must bear the cost of this filing fee.

Conclusion

To give effect to the settlement reached between the parties and as discussed with them during the hearing, I issue an Order of Possession to the landlord, which is to take effect by 1:00 p.m. on March 31, 2023. The landlord is provided with this Order in the above terms and the tenant must be served with this Order in the event that the tenant does not abide by condition #1 of the above settlement. 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.

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: March 13, 2023