

Dispute Resolution Services

Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards
Ministry of Housing and Social Development

DECISION AND REASONS

Dispute Codes: OPR, OPL, MNR, MNSD, FF.

Introduction

This hearing dealt with an application by the Landlord pursuant to the *Residential Tenancy Act* for orders as follows:

- An order of possession, pursuant to Section 55;
- A monetary order for unpaid rent, pursuant to Section 67;
- An order to retain the security deposit in satisfaction of the monetary claim, pursuant to Section 38;
- An order to recover the cost of filing the Application for Arbitration pursuant to Section 72.

The notice of hearing dated February 16, 2009 was served on the tenant on February 16, 2009, by registered mail. Despite having been served the notice of hearing, the tenant did not show up for the hearing. The landlord attended the hearing and was given full opportunity to present evidence and make submissions.

Issues to be decided

- Is the landlord entitled to an order of possession?
- Is the landlord entitled to a monetary order to recover unpaid rent, retain the security deposit and recover the filing fee?

Background and Evidence

The landlord testified that the tenancy started on September 15, 2008. The monthly rent is \$1800.00 due in advance on the 28th of each month. The tenant paid a security deposit in the amount of \$900.00 and a pet deposit of \$500.00 on October 13, 2008.

The tenant failed to pay rent for the month of February 2009 and the landlord served the tenant with a ten day notice to end tenancy effective February 13, 2009. On February 20, the tenant paid partial rent to the landlord in the amount of \$600.00 and owes the landlord a balance of \$1200.00.

The tenant also paid rent for March on March 03, 2009. The tenant is currently in occupation of the rental suite and the landlord is applying for an order of possession and a monetary order in the amount of \$1250.00 which includes \$1200.00 in outstanding rent for February 2009 and the filing fee of \$50.00.

Analysis

Based on the undisputed sworn testimony of the landlord, I accept the landlord's evidence in respect of the claim. The tenant received the notice to end tenancy for unpaid rent, on February 03, 2009 and did not pay rent within five days of receiving the notice to end tenancy nor did the tenant make application, pursuant to Section 46 to set aside the notice to end a residential tenancy, and the time to do so has expired. In these situations, the *Residential Tenancy Act* provides that the tenant has been deemed to have accepted the end of the tenancy on the date set out in the Notice. Pursuant to section 55(2) I am issuing a formal order of possession effective two days after service on the tenant. The Order may be filed in the Supreme Court for enforcement.

I also find that the landlord is entitled to \$1250.00 for unpaid rent and the filing fee. I order that the landlord retain this amount from the security and pet deposits in satisfaction of the claim.

Conclusion

I grant the landlord an order of possession effective two days after service on the tenant. The landlord may retain \$1250.00 from the security deposit and pet deposit in satisfaction of his monetary claim.

Dated April 01, 2009.

Dispute Resolution Officer