

## **Dispute Resolution Services**

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Ministry of Housing and Social Development

### **DECISION**

Dispute Codes OPR, MNR, MNSD, FF

#### **Introduction**

This hearing dealt with an Application for Dispute Resolution by the landlord for an Order of Possession, a Monetary Order to recover unpaid rent, an Order to keep all or part of the security deposit and a Monetary Order to recover the filing fee.

Service of the hearing documents, by the landlord to the tenant, was done in accordance with s. 89 of the *Act*, sent via registered mail on June16, 2009. Mail receipt numbers were provided in the landlord's documentary evidence and the tracking information shows that the tenant received the documents on June 17, 2009.

The landlord and the landlords agent appeared, gave affirmed testimony, were provided the opportunity to present their evidence orally, in writing, and in documentary form. There was no appearance for the tenant, despite being served notice of this hearing in accordance with the Residential Tenancy Act.

All of the testimony and documentary evidence was carefully considered. On the basis of the solemnly affirmed evidence presented at the hearing I have determined:

#### Issues(s) to be Decided

- Are there arrears of rent and if so, how much?
- Whether the landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession?
- Is the landlord entitled to keep all or part of the security deposit and interest?
- Whether the landlord is entitled to a Monetary Order to recover the unpaid rent and filing fee?



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#### Background and Evidence

This tenancy started on February 09, 2009. This is a month to month tenancy and rent is \$1,050 per month due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month. The security deposit is \$525.00. The tenant paid \$500.00 of this on January 06, 2009 and the remaining \$25.00 on February 09, 2009.

The tenant did not pay rent for June, 2009 of \$1,050.00. The landlord issued a 10 Day Notice to End the Tenancy for unpaid rent on June 04, 2009. This was given in person to the tenant and is deemed to have been served on the same day. The tenant had five days to either pay the outstanding rent or apply for Dispute Resolution or the tenancy would end on June 15, 2009. The tenant did not pay the outstanding rent or dispute the Notice within five days. The landlord applied for Dispute Resolution on June 15, 2009. Since that time the tenant has not paid rent for July, 2009 of \$1,050.00 and the landlord has amended her application to include a Monetary Order for rent arrears for June and July.

#### **Analysis**

The tenant did not appear at the hearing, despite having been sent a Notice of the hearing; therefore, in the absence of any evidence from the tenant, I find that the landlord is entitled to recover rent arrears for June and July, 2009 of \$2,100.00. I order the landlord pursuant to s. 38(4) of the Act to keep the tenant's security deposit in partial payment of the rent arrears.

As the landlord has been successful in this matter, they are also entitled to recover the \$50.00 filing fee for this proceeding pursuant to s. 72(1) of the *Act*.

The landlord will receive a monetary order for the balance owing as follows:

Outstanding rent for June and July, 2009	\$2,100.00
Less security deposit and accrued interest	(-\$525.00)
Total amount due to the landlord	\$1,625.00



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I accept that the tenant was served the 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for unpaid rent, pursuant to s. 88 of the *Residential Tenancy Act*. The Notice states that the tenant had five days to pay the rent or apply for Dispute Resolution or the tenancy would end. The tenant did not pay the outstanding rent within five days nor apply to dispute the Notice to End Tenancy within five days.

Based on the foregoing, I find that the tenant is conclusively presumed, under s. 46(5) of the *Act*, to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the effective date of the Notice and grant the landlord an order of possession.

#### Conclusion

I HEREBY FIND in favor of the landlord's monetary claim. A copy of the landlord's decision will be accompanied by a Monetary Order for **\$1,625.00**. The order must be served on the tenant and is enforceable through the Provincial Court as an order of that Court.

I HEREBY ISSUE an Order of Possession in favour of the landlord effective **two days** after service on the tenant. This order must be served on the tenant and may be filed in the Supreme Court and enforced as an order 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: July 15, 2009.	
	Dispute Resolution Officer