

Dispute Resolution Services

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

Decision

Dispute Codes: OPR, MNR, MNSD, FF

<u>Introduction</u>

This hearing dealt with the landlord's application for an order of possession, a monetary order as compensation for unpaid rent, retention of the security deposit in partial satisfaction of the claim, and recovery of the filing fee. The landlord's agent participated in the hearing and gave affirmed testimony. Despite being served by way of registered mail with the application for dispute resolution and notice of hearing, the tenant did not appear.

Issues to be decided

- Whether the landlord is entitled to an order of possession
- Whether the landlord is entitled to a monetary order under the Act

Background and Evidence

Pursuant to a written residential tenancy agreement, the month-to-month tenancy began on September 1, 2008. Rent in the amount of \$950.00 is payable on the first day of the month, and a security deposit of \$475.00 was collected on August 8, 2008.

As a result of rent that was unpaid for May and June 2009, the landlord issued a 10 day notice to end tenancy for unpaid rent dated June 9, 2009. The notice was served by posting on the tenant's door on that same date. A copy of the notice was submitted into evidence. Subsequently, the tenant paid none of the previously outstanding rent or rent for July 2009.

<u>Analysis</u>

Based on the documentary evidence and undisputed testimony of the landlord's agent, I find that the tenant was served with a 10 day notice to end tenancy for unpaid rent dated June 9, 2009. The tenant did not pay the outstanding rent within 5 days of receiving the notice and did not apply to dispute the notice. The tenant is therefore conclusively presumed under section 46(5) of the Act to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the effective date of the notice which was June 22, 2009. Accordingly, I find that the landlord is entitled to an order of possession.

As for the monetary order, I find that the landlord has established a claim of \$2,975.00. This is comprised of \$2,850.00 in unpaid rent for three (3) months of May, June & July 2009 (3 x \$950.00), a total of \$75.00 in fees for late payment of rent (3 x \$25.00) and recovery of the \$50.00 filing fee. I order that the landlord retain the security deposit of \$475.00 plus interest of \$2.84, and I grant the landlord a monetary order under section 67 of the Act for the balance owed of \$2,497.16 (\$2,975.00 - \$477.84).

Conclusion

Pursuant to all of the above, I hereby issue an order of possession in favour of the landlord effective not later than **two (2) days** after service upon the tenant. This order must be served on the tenant. Should the tenant fail to comply with the order, the order may be filed in the Supreme Court of British Columbia and enforced as an order of that Court.

Pursuant to section 67 of the Act, I hereby issue a monetary order in favour of the landlord in the amount of **\$2,497.16**. This order may be served on the tenant, filed in the Small Claims Court and enforced as an order of that Court.

DATE: July 29, 2009

Dispute Resolution Officer