



# Dispute Resolution Services

Residential Tenancy Branch  
Ministry of Housing and Social Development

## **DIRECT REQUEST DECISION**

### Dispute Codes

OPR, MNR, MNSD, FF

### Introduction

The Hearing proceeded by way of Direct Request Proceeding, pursuant to section 55(4) of the Act, and dealt with an Application for Dispute Resolution by the landlord for an Order of Possession and a monetary order.

The landlord submitted a signed Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding which declares that on October 29, 2009, the landlord served the tenant with the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding in person. Based on the written submissions of the landlord, I find the tenant has been duly served with the Dispute Resolution Direct Request Proceeding documents.

### Issue(s) to be Decided

The issues to be decided are whether the landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession for unpaid rent; to a monetary Order for rental arrears, to retain the security deposit from the tenant and reimbursement for the cost of the Application for Dispute Resolution, pursuant to sections 38, 55, 67, and 72 of the *Residential Tenancy Act (the Act)*. I have reviewed all documentary evidence.

### Proof of Service of 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy

The landlord submitted a copy of the Ten-Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent of \$550.00 and a "Proof of Service" form stating that the Ten-Day Notice, was served to the tenant by posting it on the tenant's door at 5:00 p.m. on October 2, 2009 in front of a witness. A posted Notice is deemed served in 3 days.

The purpose of serving documents under the *Act* is to notify the person being served of their failure to comply with the *Act* and of their rights under the *Act* in response. The landlord, seeking to end the tenancy due to this breach has the burden of proving that the tenant was served with the 10 day Notice to End Tenancy and I find that the landlord has met this burden.

### Analysis

Submitted into evidence was a copy of the tenancy agreement signed on September 11, 2009 showing rent set at \$550.00 per month and security deposit of \$262.50. No copy of the tenant's rent account ledger was submitted. However in the Application of Direct Request, the landlord stated that the tenant was in arrears of \$550.00 but paid \$375.00 on October 23, 2009 and was still in arrears for \$150.00 rent and late fees of \$25.00. Based on the testimony of the landlord, I find that the tenant was served with a Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent. The tenant has not paid the outstanding rent and did not apply to dispute the Notice and 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. Based on the above facts I find that the landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession.

I find that the landlord has established a total monetary claim of \$200.00 comprised of \$150.00 rental arrears for the month of October 2009 and the \$50.00 fee paid by the landlord for this application. In regards to the \$25.00 claim for late fees I find I am not able to consider this claim under section 55(4) of the *Act* which only applies to an Order of Possession and rental arrears and does not permit a monetary order for other kinds of damages or debts including late fees or bank fees owed under the tenancy agreement. Therefore, I find I must dismiss this portion of the landlord's application without leave.

Pursuant to my authority under section 72(2)(b), I order that the landlord retain \$200.00 from the security deposit and interest in partial satisfaction of the claim leaving a balance in favour of the tenant in the amount of \$62.50.

**Conclusion**

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 Respondent and may be filed in the Supreme Court and enforced as an order of that Court.

I hereby order that the Landlord retain \$200.00 from the security deposit under section 67.

November 2009

Date of Decision

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Dispute Resolution Officer