



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 proceeded by way of Direct Request Proceeding, pursuant to sections 55(4) and 74(2) of the *Residential Tenancy Act (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 December 17, 2009 an agent for the Landlord served the Tenant with the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding by registered mail. The Landlord submitted a copy of a Canada Post Receipt, with a tracking number, which corroborates this declaration.

The Landlord received the Direct Request Proceeding package on December 17, 2009 and initiated service that day. Section 90 of the Residential Tenancy Act determines that a document served by mail is deemed to have been served on the fifth day after it is mailed, which in these circumstances is December 22, 2009.

Based on the written submissions of the Landlord, I find the Tenant has been 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 unpaid rent; to keep all or part of the security deposit; and to recover the filing fee from the Tenant for the cost of the Application for Dispute Resolution, pursuant to sections 38, 55, 67, and 72 of the *Act*.

Background and Evidence

I have reviewed the following evidence that was submitted by the Landlord:

- A copy of the Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Proceeding for the Tenant.
- A copy of a residential tenancy agreement between the Landlord and the Tenant, which is signed by the Tenant, that indicates that the tenancy began on February

01, 2009; that the Tenant was required to pay rent of \$690.00 on the first day of each month; and that the Tenant paid a security deposit of \$345.00.

- A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent that was signed by an agent for the Landlord on December 02, 2009, which declares that the Tenant must vacate the rental unit by December 12, 2009 as the Tenant has failed to pay rent in the amount of \$720.00 in arrears and a late fee of \$30.00 that was due on December 01, 2009. The Notice states that the tenancy will end unless the Tenant pays the rent or submits an Application for Dispute Resolution seeking to set aside the Notice within five days of receiving the Notice.
- A copy of a signed Proof of Service of the 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy that indicates that an agent for the Landlord personally served the Notice to the Tenant on December 02, 2009. The Tenant signed the Proof of Service to acknowledge receipt of the Notice to End Tenancy.

In the Application for Dispute Resolution the Landlord declared that the 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent was personally served on December 02, 2009.

In the Application for Dispute Resolution, the Landlord declared that the Tenant owed \$30.00 in outstanding rent from November and \$690.00 in outstanding rent from December.

Analysis

Based on the evidence provided by the Landlord and in the absence of evidence to the contrary, I find that the Tenant entered into a tenancy agreement that required the Tenant to pay monthly rent of \$690.00 on the first day of each month and that the Tenant paid a security deposit of \$345.00.

Based on the evidence provided by the Landlord and in the absence of evidence to the contrary, I find that the Tenant had not paid outstanding rent of \$30.00 from November and \$690.00 from December by the time the Landlord filed the Application for Dispute Resolution. I have no evidence to show that the Tenant paid the outstanding rent since the Landlord filed the Application for Dispute Resolution, and therefore I find that the Tenant owes rent in the amount of \$720.00.

Based on the evidence provided by the Landlord and in the absence of evidence to the contrary, I find that a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy was served to the Tenant on December 02, 2009.

I have no evidence to show that the Tenant filed an Application for Dispute Resolution seeking to set aside the Notice to End Tenancy. Pursuant to section 46(5) of the *Act*, I therefore find that the Tenant has accepted that the tenancy ended ten days after the Tenant is deemed to have received the Notice.

Conclusion

I find that the Landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession that is effective two days after service on the Tenant. This Order may be served on the Tenant, filed with the Supreme Court of British Columbia and enforced as an Order of that Court.

I find that the Landlord has established a monetary claim, in the amount of \$770.00, which is comprised on \$720.00 in unpaid rent and \$50.00 in compensation for the filing fee paid by the Landlord for this Application for Dispute Resolution. The Landlord is hereby authorized to retain the Tenant's security deposit of \$345.00, in partial satisfaction of the monetary claim.

Based on these determinations I grant the Landlord a monetary Order for the balance of \$425.00. In the event that the Tenant does not comply with this Order, it may be served on the Tenant, filed with the Province of British Columbia Small Claims 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: January 04, 2010.

Dispute Resolution Officer