

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch Ministry of Housing and Social Development

DECISION

Dispute Codes : OPR

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.

The Landlord submitted a signed Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding which declares that on August 13, 2010 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 that the Landlord mailed a package to the rental unit. Section 90 of the *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 August 18, 2010.

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, pursuant to section 55 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 appears to be signed by the Tenant, that indicates that the tenancy began on May 01, 2009 and that the Tenant is required to pay rent of \$1,350,00 on the first day of each month.
- A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent that was signed by an agent for the Landlords on July 13, 2010, which declares that the Tenant must vacate the rental unit by July 29, 2010 as the Tenant has failed to pay rent in the amount of \$1,375.00 that was due on July 01, 2010. The Notice declares 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 the Proof of Service of the 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy in which an agent for the Landlord declared that the Notice was served to the Tenant by registered mail on July 14, 2010 at 1800 hours. The Landlord submitted a copy of a Canada Post Receipt, with a tracking number, which corroborates that the Landlord mailed a package to the rental unit on July 14, 2010.

In the Application for Dispute Resolution the Landlord declared that the 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent was served by registered mail on July 14, 2010 and that the Tenant has not paid rent for July and August of 2010.

<u>Analysis</u>

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 \$1,350.00 on the first day of each month.

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 rent for July or August of 2010 by the time the Landlord filed this Application for Dispute Resolution, although the Landlord is not seeking a monetary Order for unpaid rent.

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 mailed, by registered mail, to the Tenant on July 14, 2010.

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 on July 29, 2010, which is ten days after she is deemed to have received the Notice to End Tenancy.

Conclusion

I find that the Landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession 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.

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: August 23, 2010.

Dispute Resolution Officer

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