

# **Dispute Resolution Services**

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Residential Tenancy Branch Ministry of Housing and Social Development

## DECISION

Dispute Codes – OPR, MNR

### Introduction

This matter was conducted by way of Direct Request Proceeding, pursuant to section 55(4) 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 due to unpaid rent. A participatory hearing was not convened.

The landlord submitted a signed Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding which declares that on October 21, 2010 the landlord served the tenants with the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding via registered mail. Section 90 of the *Act* states a document sent by mail is deemed served on the 5<sup>th</sup> day after it is mailed.

Based on the written submissions of the landlord, I find that the tenants have 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 and to a monetary order for unpaid rent, pursuant to Sections 46, 55, 67, and 72 of the *Act*.

#### Background and Evidence

The landlord submitted the following evidentiary material:

- A copy of the Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Proceeding for the tenants;
- A copy of a residential tenancy agreement which was signed by the parties on July 13, 2009 for a 1 year fixed term tenancy beginning on August 1, 2009 and requiring the tenant to vacate at the end of the fixed term or entered into a new tenancy agreement for the monthly rent of \$1,300.00 due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month and a security deposit of \$650.00 was paid; and
- A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent that was issued on October 5, 2010 with an effective vacancy date of October 15, 2010 due to \$1,300.00 in unpaid rent.

Documentary evidence filed by the landlord indicates that the tenants failed to pay the full rent owed for the month of October 2010 and that the tenants were served a 10 Day

Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent when it was posted to the rental unit door on October 5, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. and that this service was witnessed by a third party.

The Notice states that the tenants had five days to pay the rent or apply for Dispute Resolution or the tenancy would end. The tenants did not apply to dispute the Notice to End Tenancy within five days.

#### Analysis

I have reviewed all documentary evidence and find this application is not suitable for the Direct Request process as the landlord has submitted a tenancy agreement that stipulates the tenants must vacate the rental unit at the end of the fixed term tenancy on July 31, 2010 or enter into a new tenancy agreement.

The landlord has failed to provide a copy of a new tenancy agreement and as such, I am unable to determine the terms of the current tenancy and therefore be able to determine if the tenants are in breach of any tenancy agreement.

#### **Conclusion**

For the reasons noted above, I dismiss the landlord's application in its entirety with leave to reapply.

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: October 28, 2010.

**Dispute Resolution Officer**