

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

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* (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 September 23, 2011, the landlord served each tenant with the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding via registered mail sent to the rental unit address. The landlord provided a Canada Post receipt and tracking numbers as evidence of service. Section 90 of the Act determines that a document is deemed to have been served on the 5th day after mailing.

Based on the written submissions of the landlord, I find that the tenants have been served with the Direct Request Proceeding documents.

Issue(s) to be Decided

Is the landlord entitled to an Order of possession?

Is the landlord entitled to monetary compensation for unpaid rent?

Background and Evidence

The landlord submitted the following evidentiary material:

- A copy of the Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Proceeding for each tenant;
- A copy of a residential tenancy agreement which was signed by the parties on July 21, 2007, indicating a monthly rent of \$725.00 due on the 1st day of the month;
- A copy of a Notice of Rent Increase issued on March 24, 2010, increasing rent to \$748.20 effective July 1, 2010; and

• A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent which was issued on September 4, 2011, with a stated effective vacancy date of September 14, 2011, for \$748.20 in unpaid September, 2011, rent.

Documentary evidence filed by the landlord indicates that the tenant's have failed to pay rent owed and were served the 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent by posting on the door on September 4, 2011, at 4:45 p.m. with a co-worker present as a witness. The Act deems the tenants were served on September 7, 2011.

The Notice states that the tenants had five days to pay the rent or apply for Dispute Resolution or the tenancy would end. The tenant's did not apply to dispute the Notice to End Tenancy within five days from the date of service.

The landlord has claimed compensation for unpaid September, 2011, rent in the sum of \$748.20.

Analysis

I have reviewed all documentary evidence and accept that the tenants have been served with notice to end tenancy as declared by the landlord.

The notice is deemed to have been received by the tenants on September 7, 2011.

Section 53 of the Act allows the effective date of a Notice to be changed to the earliest date upon which the Notice complies with the Act; therefore, I find that the Notice effective date is changed to September 17, 2011.

I accept the evidence before me that the tenants have failed to pay the rent owed in full with in the 5 days granted under section 46 (4) of the *Act*. There is no evidence before me that the tenants disputed the Notice.

Based on the foregoing, I find that the tenants are conclusively presumed under section 46(5) of the Act to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the effective date of the Notice; September 17, 2011.

Therefore, I find that the landlord is entitled to an Order of possession and a monetary Order for unpaid September, 2011, rent in the sum of \$748.20.

Conclusion

I find, pursuant to section 55 of the Act, that the landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession effective **two days after service** on the tenants and the Order may be filed in the Supreme Court and enforced as an Order of that Court.

I find that the landlord is entitled to monetary compensation pursuant section 67 in the amount of \$748.20 September, 2011, rent owed and I grant an Order in that amount.

This Order must be served on the tenant and may be filed in the Provincial Court (Small Claims) 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: September 29, 2011.

Residential Tenancy Branch