

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes OPR

Introduction

This hearing was convened in response to two applications by the Landlord pursuant to the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the "Act") for Orders as follows:

1. An Order of Possession - Section 55;

I accept the Landlord's evidence that the Tenant was served with the application for dispute resolution and notice of hearing by *personal service* in accordance with Section 89 of the Act. The Tenant did not participate in the conference call hearing. The Landlord was given full opportunity to be heard, to present evidence and to make submissions.

Preliminary Matter

It is noted that the Landlord filed two applications for the same dispute and containing the same claim for an Order of Possession. This decision resolves the matter for both applications.

<u>Issue(s) to be Decided</u> Is the Notice to End Tenancy valid? Is the Landlord entitled to an Order of Possession?

Background and Evidence

The tenancy began on June 24, 2011. Rent in the amount of \$1,400.00 is payable in advance on the first day of each month. The Tenant failed to pay rent since the beginning of the tenancy and on August 14, 2011 the Landlord personally served the Tenant with a notice to end tenancy for non-payment of rent. The Tenant has not filed

an Application for Dispute Resolution, has not paid the rent and has not moved out of the unit. The Landlord claims an Order of Possession.

<u>Analysis</u>

Section 46 of the Act requires that upon receipt of a Notice to End Tenancy for nonpayment of rent the tenant must, within five days, either pay the full amount of the arrears indicated on the Notice or dispute the notice by filing an Application for Dispute Resolution with the Residential Tenancy Branch. If the tenant does neither of these two things, the tenant is conclusively presumed to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the effective date of the Notice.

Based on the Landlord's evidence I find that the Tenant was served with a notice to end tenancy for non-payment of rent and I find the notice to be valid. The Tenant has not filed an application to dispute the notice and has not paid the outstanding rent. Given these facts, I find that the Landlord is entitled to an **Order of Possession**.

Conclusion

I grant an Order of Possession to the Landlord. The Tenant must be served with this Order of Possession. Should the Tenant fail to comply with the order, the order may be filed in 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: October 13, 2011.

Residential Tenancy Branch