



# Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch  
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

## **DECISION**

Dispute Codes      MNR, MNSD, OPR, OPC, FF

### Introduction

This hearing was convened in response to an application by the Landlord pursuant to the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the “Act”) for Orders as follows:

1. An Order of Possession - Section 55;
2. A Monetary Order for unpaid rent - Section 67;
3. An Order to retain the security deposit - Section 38; and
4. An Order to recover the filing fee for this application - Section 72.

I accept the Landlord’s evidence that the Tenant was served with the application for dispute resolution and notice of hearing by registered mail 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.

### Issue(s) to be Decided

Is the notice to end tenancy valid?

Is the Landlord entitled to an Order of Possession?

Is the Landlord entitled to the monetary amounts claimed?

### Background and Evidence

The tenancy began on October 1, 2010. At the time of the application, rent in the amount of \$1,800.00 was payable in advance on the first day of each month. At the outset of the tenancy, the Landlord collected a security deposit from the Tenant in the amount of \$925.00. The Tenant failed to pay the full amount of rent for the month of

October 2011 and on October 3, 2011 the Landlord served the Tenant with a notice to end tenancy for non-payment of rent by posting the notice on the door. The Tenant has not filed an Application for Dispute Resolution and has not paid the outstanding rent. The Tenant vacated the unit on October 26, 2011. The Landlord claims **\$1,000.00** for rental arrears and \$150.00 for two NSF cheques. The Landlord further claims an unidentified amount for cleaning and damages to the unit. The Landlord submitted photos and details of the claim for damages to the unit on November 4, 2011.

### Analysis

Section 46 of the Act requires that upon receipt of a Notice to End Tenancy for non-payment 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 has established a monetary claim for **\$1,000.00** in unpaid rent.

Section 7 of the Regulation provides for an administration fee of not more than \$25.00 for an NSF charge where such charges are provided for in the tenancy agreement. As the tenancy agreement does include provision for the Tenant to pay an administrative charge in relation to an NSF charge, I find that the Landlord is entitled to the amount of **\$50.00** for two NSF cheques. The Landlord is also entitled to recovery of the \$50.00 filing fee for a total entitlement of **\$1,100.00**.

As the Tenant has moved out of the unit, I dismiss the Landlord's claim for an Order of Possession, November rent, court order and bailiff costs. As the Landlord claimed for

damages to the rental unit before the tenancy ended and provided late evidence of such damage, I dismiss this part of the Landlord's claim with leave to reapply.

Conclusion

**I order** that the Landlord retain the **deposit** and interest of \$925.00 in partial satisfaction of the claim and I grant the Landlord an order under Section 67 of the Act for the balance due of **\$175.00**. If necessary, this order may be filed in the 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: November 07, 2011.

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