

# **Dispute Resolution Services**

Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

# DECISION

Dispute Codes OPR, MNR, MNSD, FF

#### Introduction

This hearing dealt with an application by the landlord for an order of possession, a monetary order and an order to retain the security deposit in partial satisfaction of the claim. Despite having been served with the application for dispute resolution and notice of hearing by registered mail on December 19, the tenant did not participate in the conference call hearing.

#### Issues to be Decided

Is the landlord entitled to an order of possession? Is the landlord entitled to a monetary order for unpaid rent and loss of income?

## Background and Evidence

The landlord's undisputed testimony is as follows. The tenancy began on or about September 1, 2011 at which time the tenant paid a security deposit in the amount of \$450.00. Monthly rent was set at \$900.00 per month payable in advance on the first day of each month. The tenant failed to pay rent in the month of December and on December 5 the landlord served the tenant with a notice to end tenancy by posting the notice on the door of the rental unit. The tenant further failed to pay rent in the month of January. The landlord seeks to recover unpaid rent for December, loss of income for January and an order of possession.

## <u>Analysis</u>

I accept the landlord's undisputed testimony and I find that the tenant did not pay rent for the month of December and on December 5 was served with a notice to end tenancy for non-payment of rent, which was deemed to have been received on December 8. The tenant did not pay the outstanding rent within 5 days of receiving the notice and did not apply for dispute resolution to dispute the notice and is therefore conclusively presumed to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the effective date of the notice. Based on the above facts I find that the landlord is entitled to an order of possession. The tenant must be served with the 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.

As for the monetary order, I find that the landlord is entitled to recover \$900.00 in unpaid rent for the month of December, \$900.00 in lost income for the month of January as well as the \$50.00 filing fee paid to bring this application. I order that the landlord retain the \$450.00 security deposit in partial satisfaction of the claim and I grant the landlord an order under section 67 for the balance due of \$1,400.00. This order may be filed in the Small Claims Division of the Provincial Court and enforced as an order of that Court.

#### **Conclusion**

The landlord is granted an order of possession and a monetary order for \$1,400.00. The landlord may retain the security deposit.

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: January 05, 2012

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