



Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes

OPR, MNR

Introduction

This hearing proceeded by way of Direct Request Proceeding, pursuant to sections 55(4) and 74(2) 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.

The Landlord submitted a signed Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding which declares that on February 08, 2012 an agent for the Landlord served the Tenant with the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding by registered mail. The Landlord submitted a copy of a Canada Post Receipt, with a tracking number, which corroborates that the Landlord mailed a package to the rental unit.

Based on the written submissions of the Landlord, I find the Tenant has 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 55 and 67 of the *Act*.

Background and Evidence

I have reviewed the following evidence that was submitted by the Landlord:

- A copy of the Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Proceeding for the Tenant.
- A copy of a residential tenancy agreement between the Landlord and the Tenant, which appears to be signed by the Tenant, which indicates that the tenancy began on July 01, 2007, at which time the Tenant was required to pay rent of \$650.00 by the first day of each month.
- A Notice of Rent Increase that shows the rent was increased from \$710.00 to \$725.00 on July 01, 2011.
- A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent that was signed by an agent for the Landlord and dated January 20, 2012, which declares that the

Tenant must vacate the rental unit by January 30, 2012 as the Tenant has failed to pay rent in the amount of \$3,620.00 that was due on January 01, 2012. The Notice declares that the tenancy will end unless the Tenant pays the rent or submits an Application for Dispute Resolution seeking to set aside the Notice within five days of receiving the Notice.

- A copy of a signed Proof of Service of the 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy in which an agent for the Landlord declared that the agent personally served the Notice to the Tenant on January 20, 2012, in the presence of another party, who also signed the Proof of Service.

In the Application for Dispute Resolution the Landlord declared that the 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent was personally served on January 20, 2012 and that the Tenant has not paid rent for September of 2011, October of 2011, November of 2011, December of 2011, and January of 2012.

Analysis

Based on the evidence provided by the Landlord and in the absence of evidence to the contrary, I find that the Tenant entered into a tenancy agreement that required the Tenant to pay monthly rent of \$650.00 on the first day of each month.

I find that the Landlord has submitted insufficient evidence to show that the rent was properly increased during this tenancy. While there is evidence to show that rent was increased from \$710.00 to \$725.00, I find that I have no evidence to show that the rent was increased from \$650.00 to \$710.00 in accordance with the *Act*. I can therefore not conclude that the rent for this unit is more than \$650.00.

Based on the evidence provided by the Landlord and in the absence of evidence to the contrary, I find that the Tenant had not paid rent for September of 2011, October of 2011, November of 2011, December of 2011, and January of 2012 by the time the Landlord filed this Application for Dispute Resolution. I have no evidence to show that the Tenant paid the outstanding rent since the Application for Dispute Resolution was filed and therefore I find that the Tenant owes rent for five months, which is \$3,250.00.

Based on the evidence provided by the Landlord and in the absence of evidence to the contrary, I find that a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy was personally served to the Tenant on January 20, 2012.

I have no evidence to show that the Tenant filed an Application for Dispute Resolution seeking to set aside the Notice to End Tenancy or that she has paid the outstanding rent. Pursuant to section 46(5) of the *Act*, I therefore find that the Tenant has accepted that the tenancy ended on January 30, 2012. On this basis, I find that the Landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession.

Conclusion

I find that the Landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession effective two days after service on the Tenant. This Order may be served on the Tenant, filed with the Supreme Court of British Columbia and enforced as an Order of that Court.

I find that the Landlord has established a monetary claim, in the amount of \$3,250.00, for unpaid rent and I grant the Landlord a monetary Order for this amount. In the event that the Tenant does not comply with this Order, it may be served on the Tenant, filed with the Province of British Columbia 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: February 13, 2012.

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