



Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes OPR

Introduction

This matter was conducted by way of Direct Request Proceeding, pursuant to section 55(4) of the Act, and dealt with an Application for Dispute Resolution by the Landlords for an Order of Possession.

The Landlords submitted a signed Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding which declares that on March 20, 2012 the Landlords served the Tenants in person with the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding. Based on the evidence and written submissions of the Landlords, I find that the Tenants were served as required by s. 89 of the Act with the Dispute Resolution Direct Request Proceeding documents.

Issue(s) to be Decided

The issues to be decided are whether the Landlords are entitled to an Order of Possession for unpaid rent pursuant to sections 46 and 55 of the *Residential Tenancy Act (Act)*.

Background and Evidence

The Landlords submitted the following documentary evidence:

- A copy of the Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Proceeding for the Tenants;
- A copy of a residential tenancy agreement which was signed by the parties on January 17, 2012 for a one year fixed term tenancy beginning February 1, 2012 for the monthly rent of \$1,850.00 due in advance on the 1st day of each month; and
- A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent which was issued on March 8, 2012 with an effective vacancy date of March 20, 2012 due to \$1,850.00 in unpaid rent.

The evidence filed by the Landlords indicates that the Tenants failed to pay the rent owed for the month of March 2012 when it was due and that the Tenants were served a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent on March 8, 2012 when it was posted to the rental unit door. The Notice states that the Tenants had five days to pay the rent or

apply for Dispute Resolution or the tenancy would end. The Tenants did not apply to dispute the Notice to End Tenancy within five days.

Analysis

I have reviewed all of the documentary evidence and accept that the Tenants have been served with the Notice to End Tenancy as declared by the Landlords. Pursuant to s. 90 of the Act, the Notice was deemed to be received by the Tenants three days after it was posted or on March 11, 2012. Consequently, the effective date of the Notice is amended to March 21, 2012 pursuant to s. 53 of the Act.

I accept the undisputed evidence of the Landlords that as of March 19, 2012, the Tenants had not paid the rent owed for the month of March 2012. 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.

Conclusion

I find pursuant to s. 55(2)(b) of the Act that the Landlords are entitled to an Order of Possession effective **two days after service on the Tenants**. This Order must be served on the Tenants and 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: March 28, 2012.

Dispute Resolution Officer