

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes:

OPR, MNR, MNSD, FF

<u>Introduction</u>

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
- 4. An Order to recover the filing fee for this application Section 72.

I accept the landlord's evidence that despite the tenant having been served with the application for dispute resolution and notice of hearing by <u>registered mail</u> in accordance with Section 89 of the Residential Tenancy Act (the Act) the tenant did not participate in the conference call hearing. The landlord provided evidence of a registered mail receipt along with the tracking number for the registered mail. The tenant still resides in the rental unit.

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 August 01, 2011. Rent in the amount of \$1050 is 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 \$525. The tenant failed to pay rent in the month(s) of February 2012 and on February 16, 2012 the landlord served the tenant with a notice to end tenancy for non-payment of rent. The tenant subsequently paid \$1050 on March 02, 2012, which was accepted by the landlord for use and occupancy only. The landlord's monetary claim is for unpaid rent of \$1050 plus \$25 late fee for February 2012.

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<u>Analysis</u>

Based on the landlord's testimony 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 paid the outstanding rent and has not applied 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**.

I also find that the landlord has established a monetary claim for \$1050 in unpaid rent and a late fee of \$25. The landlord is also entitled to recovery of the \$50 filing fee, for a total entitlement of \$1125.00. The security deposit will be off-set from the award made herein.

Calculation for Monetary Order

| Rental Arrears | \$1050.00 |
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| Filing Fees for the cost of this application | 50.00 |
| Less Security Deposit and applicable interest to date | -525.00 |
| Total Monetary Award | \$600.00 |

Conclusion

I grant an Order of Possession to the landlord effective 2 days from the day it is served on the tenant. 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.

I order that the landlord retain the deposit of \$525 in partial satisfaction of the claim and I grant the landlord an order under Section 67 of the Act for the balance due of \$600. 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: March 27, 2012 | |
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