



Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes: OPR, MNR

This matter proceeded 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 and a monetary order for unpaid rent.

The landlords submitted a signed Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding which declares that on March 12, 2012, the landlords served the tenants with the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding by way of Registered Mail.

Section 90 of the Act provides that a document served in this manner is deemed to have been received on the 5th day after service.

Based on the written submissions of the landlords, I find that the tenants have been duly served with the Direct Request Proceeding documents.

Issues to be Decided

Are the landlords entitled to an order of possession?

Are the landlords entitled to a monetary order for unpaid rent?

Background and Evidence

The landlords submitted the following evidentiary material:

- A copy of the Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding;
- A copy of the residential tenancy agreement which was signed by the parties on January 19, 2012, indicating that the tenants are obligated to pay \$1,550.00 in rent in advance on the first day of each month;
- A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent issued on March 3, 2012, with a stated effective vacancy date of March 14, 2012, for \$1,650.00 in unpaid rent by March 1, 2012 (\$100.00 for February & \$1,550.00 for March), and

- A copy of the Proof of Service of the Notice to End Tenancy showing that the landlords personally served the notice to end tenancy on the tenants on March 3, 2012.

Section 90 of the Act provides that because the notice to end tenancy was served in person on March 3, 2012, the tenants are deemed to have received the notice on that same day.

The Notice restates section 46(4) of the Act which provides that the tenants had 5 days to pay the rent in full or apply for Dispute Resolution. The tenants did not apply to dispute the Notice to End Tenancy within 5 days from the date of service and the landlords alleged that the tenants did not pay the rental arrears.

Analysis

I find that the tenants received the notice to end tenancy on March 3, 2012. I accept the landlords' evidence and I find that the tenants neither paid the rental arrears, nor applied to dispute the notice. The tenants are therefore conclusively presumed to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the effective date of the notice. I grant the landlords an order of possession which must be served on the tenants. Should the tenants fail to comply, the order may be filed for enforcement in the Supreme Court.

I accept the evidence before me that the tenants have failed to pay a combined total of \$1,650.00 in rent for February and March 2012. I find that the landlords are entitled to recover the rental arrears and I grant the landlords a monetary order for \$1,650.00.

Conclusion

I hereby issue an **order of possession** in favour of the landlords effective not later than **two (2) days** after service on the tenants. This order must be served on the tenants. Should the tenants 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.

Pursuant to section 67 of the Act, I hereby issue a **monetary order** in favour of the landlords in the amount of **\$1,650.00**. This order may be served on the tenants, 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 23, 2012.

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