



# Dispute Resolution Services

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Office of Housing and Construction Standards

## **DECISION**

Dispute Codes      OPR, MNR, MNDC, MNSD, FF

### Introduction

This matter dealt with an application by the Landlord for an Order of Possession and a Monetary Order for unpaid rent, for compensation for loss or damage under the Act or tenancy agreement, to recover the filing fee for this proceeding and to keep the Tenant's security deposit in partial payment of those amounts.

The Landlords said they served the Tenant with the Application and Notice of Hearing (the "hearing package") by registered mail on March 20, 2012. Based on the evidence of the Landlords, I find that the Tenant was served with the Landlords' hearing package as required by s. 89 of the Act and the hearing proceeded in the Tenant's absence.

### Issues(s) to be Decided

1. Does the Landlord have grounds to end the tenancy?
2. Are there rent arrears and if so, how much?
3. Are the Landlords entitled to compensation for unpaid rent and if so how much?
4. Is there loss or damage under the Act, regulations or tenancy agreement and if so how much?
5. Are the Landlords entitled to compensation and if so how much?
6. Are the Landlords entitled to keep the Tenant's security deposit?

### Background and Evidence

This tenancy started on December 1, 2010 as a 6 month fixed term tenancy and then renewed as a month to month tenancy. Rent is \$918.00 per month payable in advance of the 1<sup>st</sup> day of each month. The Tenant paid a security deposit of \$459.00 on November 28, 2010.

The Landlord said that the Tenant did not pay \$918.00 of rent for February, 2012 and \$918.00 for March, 2012, when it was due and as a result, on March 3, 2012, she posted a 10 day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent or Utilities dated March 3, 2012 on the door of the Tenant's rental unit. The Landlord said the Tenant has unpaid rent for April, 2012 of \$918.00 as well.



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The Landlord further indicated that the Tenant is living at the rental unit and the Landlord does not know what the Tenant's plans are.

The Landlord also requested to recover the \$50.00 filing fee for this proceeding.

## Analysis

Section 46(4) of the Act states that **within 5 days of receiving** a Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent or Utilities, a Tenant must pay the overdue rent or apply for dispute resolution. If the Tenant fails to do either of these things, then under section 46(5) of the Act, they are conclusively presumed to have accepted that the tenancy ends on the effective date of the Notice and they must vacate the rental unit at that time.

Under s. 90 of the Act, the Tenant is deemed to have received the Notice to End Tenancy three days after the Notice was posted on the Tenant's door, or on March 6, 2012. Consequently, the Tenant would have had to pay the amount stated on the Notice or apply to dispute that amount no later than March 11, 2012.

I find that the Tenant has not paid the overdue rent and has not applied for dispute resolution. Consequently, I find pursuant to s. 55(2)(b) of the Act that the Landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession to take effect 48 hours after service of it on the Tenant.

I also find that the Landlord is entitled to recover unpaid rent for February, 2012 of \$918.00, March, 2012 of \$918.00 and April, 2012 of \$918.00 for a total unpaid rent in the amount of \$2,754.00.

As the Landlord has been successful in this matter, she is also entitled to recover from the Tenant the \$50.00 filing fee for this proceeding. I order the Landlord pursuant to s. 38(4) and s. 72 of the Act to keep the Tenant's security deposit as partial payment of the rent arrears. The Landlord will receive a monetary order for the balance owing as following:

	Rent arrears:	\$ 2,754.00	
	Recover filing fee	\$ 50.00	
	Subtotal:		\$2,804.00
Less:	Security Deposit	\$459.00	
	Subtotal:		\$ 459.00
	Balance Owing		\$2,345.00



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## Conclusion

An Order of Possession effective 2 days after service of it on the Tenant and a Monetary Order in the amount of \$2,345.00 have been issued to the Landlord. A copy of the Orders must be served on the Tenant: the Order of Possession may be enforced in the Supreme Court of British Columbia and the Monetary Order may be enforced in the Provincial (Small Claims) Court of British Columbia.

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*.

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Dispute Resolution Officer