



# Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch  
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

## DECISION

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### Introduction

This matter was conducted by way of Direct Request Proceeding, pursuant to section 55(4) of the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the Act). The landlord applied for an order of possession and a monetary order for unpaid rent.

### Preliminary Issue – Invalid Notice to End Tenancy

The Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent, dated April 6, 2012, states that the tenant failed to pay rent of \$713 that was due on April 1, 2012. The tenancy agreement indicates that the monthly rent is \$750, and the landlord provided additional evidence of a rent incentive of \$62, for a total monthly rent of \$688. In their application, the landlord indicated that the \$25 difference is for an NSF fee. The Notice did not provide any breakdown of the claim for \$713.

In a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent, a landlord may not claim any fees or amounts greater than the rent owed, aside from utilities, which are dealt with separately. If the landlord claims an amount greater than the rent owed, the notice will be invalid.

In this case, the landlord claimed an amount greater than the rent owed, and therefore the notice is invalid.

### Conclusion

The application is dismissed.

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: May 4, 2012.

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