

Dispute Resolution Services

Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes OPR

Introduction

This matter proceeded by way of Direct Request Proceeding, pursuant to section 55(4) of the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the "Act"), and dealt with an Application for Dispute Resolution by the landlord for an order of possession.

The landlords submitted a signed Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding which declares that on October 16, 2012, the landlords served the tenants with the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding via registered mail.

Section 90 of the Act determines that a document served in this manner is deemed to have been received 5 days after service.

Based on the written submissions of the landlord, 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?

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 a residential tenancy agreement which was signed by the tenants on September 23, 2012, indicating that the tenants are obligated to pay \$1,150.00 in rent in advance on the first day of the month;
- A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent (the "Notice") which the landlords served on the tenants on October 6, 2012 for \$1,150.00 in unpaid rent due in the month of October; and

• A copy of the Proof of Service of the Notice showing that the landlords personally served the Notice on the tenants.

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

<u>Analysis</u>

I find that the tenant received the Notice on October 6, 2012. I accept the landlords' undisputed evidence and I find that the tenants did not pay the rental arrears and did not apply to dispute the Notice and 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 with the order, it may be filed for enforcement in the Supreme Court.

Conclusion

I grant the landlords an order of possession.

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: October 22, 2012

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