

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes OPR and MNR

Introduction

This hearing was conducted as a 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 and a Monetary Order.

The landlord submitted a signed Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding which declares that the landlord served each of the tenants with the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding sent by registered mail on December 24, 2012.

Based on the written submission of the landlord, I find that the tenants have been served with the Direct Request Proceeding documents.

Issue(s) to be Decided

The issues to be decided are whether the landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession for unpaid rent and a Monetary Order for the unpaid rent.

Background and Evidence

The landlord submitted the following evidentiary material:

- A copy of the Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Proceeding for the tenants;
- A copy of a fixed term residential tenancy agreement which was signed by the parties on November 12, 2012 for a tenancy to run from September 1, 2012 to on August 31, 2013 at a monthly rent of \$1,800 with a security deposit of \$900 paid at the beginning of the tenancy;

• A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for unpaid rent which was served by registered mail sent on December 5, 2012 and another sent by registered mail on November 16, 2012.

Documentary evidence filed by the landlord indicates that, at the time application was made, the tenants had failed to pay \$1,143.43 of the rent due on December 1, 2012 including a rent shortfall of \$50 from November 2012 and taking into account a payment of \$706.57 made on behalf of one of the tenants by cheque of December 19, 2012..

The Notice to End Tenancy states that the tenants had five days to pay the rent or apply for Dispute Resolution or the tenancy would end. The tenants did not apply to dispute the Notice to End Tenancy within five days from the date of service.

The landlord had requested a monetary claim in this application for the unpaid rent of \$1,143.43, calculated as follows:

Rent for December 2012	\$1,800.00
Rent shortfall from November 2012	50.00
Sub total	\$1,850.00
Less partial payment by cheque of December 19, 2012	- 706.57
TOTAL	\$1,143.43

<u>Analysis</u>

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I have reviewed all documentary evidence and accept that the tenants were served with Notice to End Tenancy as declared by the landlord.

I accept the evidence before me that the tenants failed to pay the rent owed in full within the five days granted under section 46(4) of the *Act*.

Based on the foregoing, I find that the tenants are conclusively presumed under section 46(5) of the Act to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the effective date of the Notice which was December 20, 2012, taking into account five days for deemed service of notice served by registered mail.

Therefore, I find that the landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession based on the Notice to End Tenancy of December 5, 2012.

I further find that the landlord is entitled to a Monetary Order for the unpaid rent.

Conclusion

The landlord's copy of this Decision is accompanied by an Order of Possession effective **two days after service** on the tenants. The Order may be filed in the Supreme Court and enforced as an Order of that Court.

The landlord is also provided with a Monetary Order for **\$1,143.43** for the unpaid rent for service on the tenants. This Order is enforceable through the Provincial 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*.

Dated: December 31, 2012.

Residential Tenancy Branch