

Dispute Resolution Services

Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes: OPR, MNR, FF

Introduction

This hearing was scheduled in response to the landlord's application for an order of possession / a monetary order as compensation for unpaid rent / and recovery of the filing fee. The landlord attended and gave affirmed testimony.

The landlord testified that he served the application for dispute resolution and notice of hearing (the "hearing package") in-person on March 12, 2013. Despite this, the tenant did not appear.

Issue(s) to be Decided

Whether the landlord is entitled to the above under the Act, Regulation or tenancy agreement.

Background and Evidence

Pursuant to a written tenancy agreement, the month-to-month tenancy began on October 1, 2012. Monthly rent of \$750.00 is due and payable in advance on the first day of each month, and a security deposit of \$375.00 was collected.

Arising from rent which remained unpaid when due on January 1, 2013, the landlord issued a 10 day notice to end tenancy for unpaid rent dated January 17, 2013. The notice was served by way of posting on the tenant's door on that same date. A copy of the notice was submitted in evidence. Subsequently, on or about January 21, 2013, the tenant made payment toward rent in the limited amount of \$400.00. No further rent payments have been made and the tenant continues to reside in the unit.

<u>Analysis</u>

The full text of the Act, Regulation, Residential Tenancy Policy Guidelines, Fact Sheets, forms and more can be accessed via the website: <u>www.rto.gov.bc.ca</u>

Based on the documentary evidence and the affirmed / undisputed testimony of the landlord, I find that the tenant was served with a 10 day notice to end tenancy for unpaid rent dated January 17, 2013. The tenant did not pay the full amount of rent outstanding within 5 days of receiving the notice, and did not apply to dispute the notice. The tenant is therefore conclusively presumed under section 46(5) of the Act to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the effective date of the notice. Accordingly, I find that the landlord has established entitlement to an **order of possession**.

As for the monetary order, I find that the landlord has established a claim of **\$2,650.00**:

\$350.00: unpaid rent for January (\$750.00 - \$400.00)
\$750.00: unpaid rent for February
\$750.00: unpaid rent for March
\$750.00: unpaid rent for April
\$50.00: filing fee

Section 72 of the Act speaks to Director's orders: fees and monetary orders, in part:

72(2) If the director orders a party to a dispute resolution proceeding to pay any amount to the other, including an amount under subsection (1), the amount may be deducted

(b) in the case of payment from a tenant to a landlord, from any security deposit or pet damage deposit due to the tenant.

Following from all the above, I order that the landlord retain the security deposit of **\$375.00**, and I grant the landlord a **monetary order** under section 67 of the Act for the balance owed of **\$2,275.00** (\$2,650.00 - \$375.00).

Conclusion

I hereby issue an **order of possession** in favour of the landlord effective not later than **two (2) days** after service on the tenant. This order must be served on the tenant. Should the tenant 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 landlord in the amount of **\$2,275.00**. Should it be necessary, this order may be served on the tenant, 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: April 5, 2013

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