

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes OPR, MNR, FF

<u>Introduction</u>

This hearing dealt with the landlord's application for dispute resolution under the Residential Tenancy Act (the "Act") for an order of possession for the rental unit due to unpaid rent, a monetary order for unpaid rent, and to recover the filing fee.

The landlord appeared; the tenant did not appear.

The landlord gave evidence that she served the tenant with the Application for Dispute Resolution and Notice of Hearing by registered mail on February 8, 2013. The landlord supplied testimony of the tracking number of the registered mail.

I find the tenant was served notice of this hearing in a manner complying with section 89 of the Residential Tenancy Act (the "Act") and the hearing proceeded in the tenant's absence.

The landlord was provided the opportunity to present her evidence orally and to refer to relevant documentary evidence submitted prior to the hearing, and make submissions to me.

I have reviewed all evidence and testimony before me that met the requirements of the rules of procedure; however, I refer to only the relevant evidence regarding the facts and issues in this decision.

Issue(s) to be Decided

Is the landlord entitled to an order of possession for the rental unit due to unpaid rent, a monetary order and to recover the filing fee?

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Background and Evidence

The landlord gave evidence that this tenancy began on July 1, 2012, monthly rent is \$1500.00, and a security deposit was not paid.

The landlord gave evidence that on January 27, 2013, the tenant was served with a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent (the "Notice"), by posting it on the tenant's door, listing unpaid rent of \$4700.00 as of January 1, 2013. The effective vacancy date listed on the Notice was February 4, 2013.

The Notice informed the tenant that the Notice would be cancelled if the rent was paid within five days. The Notice also explained the tenant had five days to dispute the Notice.

The landlord stated that the tenant failed to make any payment of rent after the Notice was issued and as of the date of the hearing, the tenant owed \$6200.00 in unpaid rent, through February 2013.

The landlord requested the rent for March; however, as rent was not past due on the day of the hearing, I decline to consider this request.

The landlord's relevant evidence was a copy of the Notice.

I have no evidence before me that the tenant applied to dispute the Notice.

<u>Analysis</u>

Based on the relevant oral and written evidence of the landlord and on a balance of probabilities, I find as follows:

I find the tenant was served a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent, did not pay the outstanding rent or apply to dispute the Notice within five days of service and 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.

I therefore find that the landlord is entitled to an order of possession for the rental unit effective two days after service of the order upon the tenant.

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I also find that the landlord has established a total monetary claim of \$6300.00 comprised of outstanding rent of \$6200.00 through February, 2013, and the \$100.00 filing fee paid by the landlord for this application.

Conclusion

I grant the landlord a final, legally binding order of possession for the rental unit, which is enclosed with the landlord's Decision. Should the tenant fail to vacate the rental unit pursuant to the terms of the order, this order may be filed in the Supreme Court of British Columbia for enforcement as an order of that Court. Costs of such enforcement may be recoverable from the tenant.

I grant the landlord a final, legally binding monetary order pursuant to section 67 of the Act for the amount of \$6300.00, which I have enclosed with the landlord's Decision.

Should the tenant fail to pay the landlord this amount without delay, the order may be filed in the Provincial Court of British Columbia (Small Claims) for enforcement as an order of that Court. Costs of such enforcement may be recoverable from the tenant.

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* and is being mailed to both the applicant and the respondent.

Dated: March 01, 2013

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