

# **Dispute Resolution Services**

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

#### **DECISION**

Dispute Codes: OPR, MNR, MNSD, MNDC, FF

### **Introduction**

This hearing dealt with an application by the Landlord pursuant to the *Residential Tenancy Act* for an order of possession and for a monetary order for unpaid rent, late fees and the filing fee. The landlord also applied to retain the security deposit. Both parties attended the hearing and were given full opportunity to present evidence and make submissions.

#### Issues to be decided

Is the landlord entitled to an order of possession? Is the landlord entitled to a monetary order for unpaid rent, late fees, the filing fee and to retain the security deposit?

## **Background and Evidence**

The tenancy started on March 01, 2011. The accommodation is subsidised housing and is allotted and rented based on a tenant's income and family size. The tenant's portion of the rent is \$578.00 payable on the first of each month. A clause in the tenancy agreement requires the tenant to pay a late fee of \$25.00 for rent paid after the first of the month. Prior to moving in the tenant paid a security deposit of \$600.00.

The landlord stated that the tenant failed to pay rent for February 2013. On February 13, 2013, the landlord served the tenant with a ten day notice to end tenancy. The tenant did not pay rent and continued to occupy the rental unit. At the time of the hearing, the tenant owed rent for February and March 2013. The landlord is applying for an order of possession effective two days after service on the tenant and a monetary order in the amount of \$1,156.00 for unpaid rent, \$25.00 for late fee plus \$50.00 for the filing fee.

#### **Analysis**

Based on the sworn testimony of the both parties, I accept the landlord's evidence in respect of the claim. The tenant received the notice to end tenancy for unpaid rent, on February 13, 2013 and did not pay rent within five days of receiving the notice to end tenancy nor did the tenant make application, pursuant to Section 46 to set aside the notice to end a residential tenancy, and the time to do so has expired.

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In these situations, the *Residential Tenancy Act* provides that the tenant has been deemed to have accepted the end of the tenancy on the date set out in the Notice. Pursuant to section 55(2) I am issuing a formal order of possession effective two days after service on the tenant. The Order may be filed in the Supreme Court for enforcement.

I also find that the landlord is entitled to \$\$1,156.00 for unpaid rent and \$25.00 for late fees. Since the landlord has proven her case, she is also entitled to the filing fee of \$50.00 for a total of \$1,231.00.

I order that the landlord retain the security deposit of \$600.00 and accrued interest of \$0.00 in partial satisfaction of the claim and I grant the landlord an order under section 67 of the *Residential Tenancy Act* for the balance due of \$631.00. This order may be filed in the Small Claims Court and enforced as an order of that Court.

## **Conclusion**

I grant the landlord an order of possession effective two days after service on the tenant and a monetary order for **\$631.00**.

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: March 20, 2013

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