

# **Dispute Resolution Services**

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

## **DECISION**

**Dispute Codes:** MNR, OP, FF

## <u>Introduction</u>

This hearing dealt with an application by the landlord pursuant to the *Residential Tenancy Act* for orders as follows:

- 1. A monetary order pursuant to Section 67; and
- 2. An Order to recover the filing fee pursuant to Section 72.

I accept that the tenant was properly served with the Application for Dispute Resolution hearing package by way of personal service.

The tenant did not appear. The landlord was given full opportunity to be heard, to present evidence and to make submissions.

On the basis of the solemnly sworn evidence presented at the hearing a decision has been reached.

## Issue(s) to be Decided

Whether the landlord has cause to end this tenancy and receive an Order of Possession and whether the landlord is entitled to monetary order for unpaid rent and recovery of the filing fee.

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## **Background and Findings**

#### Order of Possession

At the hearing of this matter the landlord testified that the tenant vacated the rental unit on April 2, 2013 and an Order of Possession is no longer required. This claim is therefore withdrawn.

## **Monetary Order**

### Rental Arrears

The landlord testified that the tenant vacated without paying March or April rent. The landlord is claiming full rent for March of \$1,200.00 and seeking half a months' rent for April. Based on the landlord's undisputed evidence I find that the landlord is entitled to the sums sought. I will therefore grant a monetary award to the landlord in the sum of \$1,800.00.

## Security Deposit

Section 72 of the Residential Tenancy Act states as follows:

## Director's orders: fees and monetary orders

- 72 (1) The director may order payment or repayment of a fee under section 59(2) (c) [starting proceedings] or 79 (3) (b) [application for review of director's decision] by one party to a dispute resolution proceeding to another party or to the director.
  - (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
    - (a) in the case of payment from a landlord to a tenant, from any rent due to the landlord, and
    - (b) in the case of payment from a tenant to a landlord, from any security deposit or pet damage deposit due to the tenant.

In accordance with Section 72(2)(b) I will allow the landlord to retain the security deposit paid by the tenant in partial satisfaction of this claim.

### Filing Fees

I find that the landlord is entitled to recover the filing fees paid for this application.

## Calculation of total Monetary Award

Rental Arrears	\$1,800.00
Filing Fees for the cost of this application	50.00
Less security deposit	-600.00
Total Monetary Award	\$1,250.00

## **Conclusion**

The landlord is provided with a formal copy of an order for the total monetary award as set out above. Should the tenant(s) fail to comply with this Order, this Order may be filed and enforced as an Order of 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: April 15, 2013

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