

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding Hollyburn Estates Ltd. and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

DECISION

<u>Dispute Codes</u> OPR, MNR, MNDC, MNSD, FF

Introduction

This hearing was convened in response to an application by the Landlord pursuant to the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the "Act") for Orders as follows:

- 1. An Order of Possession Section 55;
- 2. A Monetary Order for unpaid rent Section 67;
- 3. A Monetary Order for compensation Section 67;
- 4. An Order to retain the security deposit Section 38; and
- 5. An Order to recover the filing fee for this application Section 72.

The Landlord and Tenant were each given full opportunity to be heard, to present evidence and to make submissions.

Issue(s) to be Decided

Is the notice to end tenancy valid?

Is the Landlord entitled to an Order of Possession?

Is the Landlord entitled to the monetary amounts claimed?

Background and Evidence

The tenancy began on March 1, 2006. Rent of \$1,220.00 is payable in advance on the first day of each month. At the outset of the tenancy, the Landlord collected a security deposit from the Tenant in the amount of \$520.00. The tenancy agreement provides for a \$25.00 late fee for late rent payments and \$30.00 each month for parking. The

Tenant failed to pay rent for April 2013 and on April 10, 2013 the Landlord served the Tenant with a 10 day notice to end tenancy for unpaid rent (the "Notice") by posting the Notice on the door. The Landlord states that the Tenant paid some rent leaving arrears of \$150.00 for April 2013 and no rent was paid for May 2013. The Landlord issues receipts for the arrears payments for "use and occupancy only". The Tenant states that she also paid another \$500.00 on May 17, 2013. The Landlord states that this amount has not been received. The Landlord claims \$1,370.00 in unpaid rent plus \$25.00 for the May late fee and \$30.00 for May parking.

Analysis

Section 46 of the Act requires that upon receipt of a Notice to End Tenancy for non-payment of rent the tenant must, within five days, either pay the full amount of the arrears indicated on the Notice or dispute the notice by filing an Application for Dispute Resolution with the Residential Tenancy Branch. If the tenant does neither of these two things, the tenant is conclusively presumed to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the effective date of the Notice.

Based on the Landlord's evidence I find that the Tenant was served with a Notice and I find the Notice to be valid. The Tenant has not filed an application to dispute the notice and has not paid the outstanding rent. Given these facts, I find that the Landlord is entitled to an **Order of Possession**. I also find that the Landlord has established a monetary claim for \$1,425.00 for unpaid rent, late fee and parking. The Landlord is also entitled to recovery of the \$50.00 filing fee for a total monetary amount of \$1,475.00. Setting the security deposit of \$520.00 plus interest of \$17.97 off the entitlement leaves \$937.03 owed by the Tenant to the Landlord.

Conclusion

I grant an Order of Possession to the Landlord. The Tenant must be served with this Order of Possession. Should the Tenant fail to comply with the order, the order may

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be filed in the Supreme Court of British Columbia and enforced as an order of that

Court.

I order that the Landlord retain the deposit and interest of \$537.97 in partial

satisfaction of the claim and I grant the Landlord an order under Section 67 of the Act

for the balance due of \$937.03. If necessary, this order may be 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: May 22, 2013

Residential Tenancy Branch