

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding 2 BAKER DEVELOPMENTS LTD. and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

DECISION

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

Introduction

This matter dealt with an application by the Landlord for an Order of Possession, a Monetary Order for unpaid rent and to recover the filing fee for this proceeding.

The Landlord said she served the Tenant with the Application and Notice of Hearing (the "hearing package") by personal delivery on May 28, 2013. Based on the evidence of the Landlord, I find that the Tenant was served with the Landlord's hearing package as required by s. 89 of the Act and the hearing proceeded in the Tenant's absence.

Issues(s) to be Decided

- 1. Does the Landlord have grounds to end the tenancy?
- 2. Are there rent arrears and if so, how much?
- 3. Is the Landlord entitled to compensation for unpaid rent and if so how much?

Background and Evidence

This tenancy started on March 1, 2013 as a month to month tenancy. Rent is \$750.00 per month payable on the last day of each month. The Tenant did not pay a security deposit.

The Landlord said that the Tenant did not pay \$750.00 of rent for April, 2013 when it was due and as a result, on April 4, 2013 she posted a 10 day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent or Utilities dated April 4, 2013 on the door of the Tenant's rental unit. The Landlord said the Tenant paid the April, 2013 rent in two payments during May, 2013 and he paid \$80.00 towards the May, 2013 rent in those payments. The Landlord said the Tenant has \$680.00 in unpaid rent for May, 2013 and \$750.00 of unpaid rent for June, 2013.

The Landlord further indicated that the Tenant is living at the rental unit and the Landlord requested an Order of Possession for as soon as possible.

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Analysis

Section 46(4) of the Act states that **within 5 days of receiving** a Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent or Utilities, a Tenant must pay the overdue rent or apply for dispute resolution. If the Tenant fails to do either of these things, then under section 46(5) of the Act, they are conclusively presumed to have accepted that the tenancy ends on the effective date of the Notice and they must vacate the rental unit at that time.

Under s. 90 of the Act, the Tenant is deemed to have received the Notice to End Tenancy 3 days after it was posted, or on April 7, 2013. Consequently, the Tenant would have had to pay the amount stated on the Notice or apply to dispute that amount no later than April 11, 2013.

I find that the Tenant has not paid the overdue rent and has not applied for dispute resolution. Consequently, I find pursuant to s. 55(2)(b) of the Act that the Landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession to take effect 48 hours after service of it on the Tenant.

I also find that the Landlord is entitled to recover unpaid rent for May, 2013, in the amount of \$680.00 and the unpaid rent for June, 2013 in the amount of \$750.00.

As the Landlord has been successful in this matter I order the Landlord to recover the filing fee of \$50.00 for this proceeding from the Tenant. The Landlord will receive a monetary order for the balance owing as following:

May rent arrears: \$680.00

June rent arrears \$750.00

Recover filing fee \$50.00

Subtotal: \$1,480.00

Balance Owing \$1,480.00

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Conclusion

An Order of Possession effective 2 days after service of it on the Tenant and a Monetary Order in the amount of \$1,480.00 have been issued to the Landlord. A copy of the Orders must be served on the Tenant: the Order of Possession may be enforced in the Supreme Court of British Columbia and the Monetary Order may be enforced in the Provincial (Small Claims) 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: June 19, 2013

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