

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding Town Centre Properties Ltd. and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

DECISION

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<u>Introduction</u>

This matter proceeded by way of an *ex parte* Direct Request Proceeding, pursuant to section 55(4) of the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the "*Act*"), and dealt with an Application for Dispute Resolution by the landlord for an Order of Possession based on unpaid rent.

The landlord submitted a signed Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding which declares that on July 17, 2013, the landlord's agent handed the tenant the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding. Based on the written submissions of the landlord, I find that the tenant has been duly served with the Direct Request Proceeding documents.

Issue(s) to be Decided

Is the landlord entitled to an Order of Possession for unpaid rent pursuant to sections 46 and 55 of the *Act*?

Background and Evidence

The landlord submitted the following evidentiary material:

- A copy of the Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Proceeding served to the tenant;
- A copy of a residential tenancy agreement which was signed by the landlord and the tenant on January 15, 2013, indicating a monthly rent of \$1,038.00 due on the 1st day of the month commencing on May 1, 2013; and
- A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent (the 10 Day Notice) handed to an occupant of the rental unit on July 8, 2013, with a stated effective vacancy date of July 21, 2013, for \$1,139.00 in unpaid rent.

Witnessed documentary evidence filed by the landlord indicates that the tenant failed to pay all outstanding rent was served by handing the 10 Day Notice to an occupant at the tenant's rental unit at 2:00 p.m. on July 8, 2013. In accordance with section 88 of the *Act*, the tenant was deemed served with this 10 Day Notice on July 8, 2013.

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The Notice states that the tenant had five days from the date of service to pay the rent in full or apply for Dispute Resolution or the tenancy would end. The tenant did not apply to dispute the Notice to End Tenancy within five days from the date of service.

Analysis

I have reviewed all documentary evidence and accept that the tenant has been deemed served with notice to end tenancy as declared by the landlord. I accept the evidence before me that the tenant has failed to pay the rent owed in full within the 5 days granted under section 46 (4) of the *Act*.

Based on the foregoing, I find that the tenant is conclusively presumed under section 46(5) of the *Act* to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the effective date of the 10 Day Notice, July 21, 2013.

Therefore, I find that the landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession.

Conclusion

I grant an Order of Possession to the landlord effective **two days after service of this Order** on the tenant. Should the tenant(s) fail to comply with this Order, this Order may be filed and enforced as an Order of the Supreme 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: July 22, 2013

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