

Dispute Resolution Services

Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding RAAMCO International Properties Cdn Ltd and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

DECISION

Dispute Codes OPR, MNR, FF

Introduction

This hearing dealt with the landlord's application for dispute resolution under the Residential Tenancy Act (the "Act") for an order of possession for the rental unit due to unpaid rent, a monetary order for unpaid rent, and to recover the filing fee.

The parties appeared, the hearing process was explained and they were given an opportunity to ask questions about the hearing process.

At the outset of the hearing, neither party raised any issue regarding service of the evidence or application.

Thereafter all parties were provided the opportunity to present their evidence orally and to refer to relevant documentary evidence submitted prior to the hearing, and make submissions to me.

I have reviewed all oral and written evidence before me that met the requirements of the Residential Tenancy Branch Rules of Procedure (Rules); however, I refer to only the relevant evidence regarding the facts and issues in this decision.

Issue(s) to be Decided

Is the landlord entitled to an order of possession for the rental unit due to unpaid rent, a monetary order and to recover the filing fee?

Background and Evidence

The landlord gave evidence that this tenancy began on April 1, 2011, monthly rent is \$910, and a security deposit and pet damage deposit of \$525 each was paid by the tenants at the beginning of the tenancy.

The landlord gave evidence that on June 7, 2013, she served the tenants with a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent (the "Notice"), by posting it on the tenants' door, listing unpaid rent of \$1000 as of June 1, 2013. The effective vacancy date listed on the Notice was June 17, 2013.

The tenant acknowledged receiving the Notice on that date.

The Notice informed the tenants that the Notice would be cancelled if the rent was paid within five days. The Notice also explained that alternatively the tenants had five days to dispute the Notice by making an application for dispute resolution.

The landlord stated that the tenants have not made any payments of rent since the Notice was issued and as of the date of the hearing, the tenants owed \$1920 in unpaid rent.

The tenants acknowledged owing this amount; however, the tenant further stated that her case with ICBC had stalled and was unable to make a rent payment as planned.

<u>Analysis</u>

Based on the oral and written evidence and on a balance of probabilities, I find the tenants were served a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent, did not pay the outstanding rent or file an application for dispute resolution in dispute of the Notice within five days of service and are therefore conclusively presumed under section 46(5) of the Act to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the effective date of the Notice.

I therefore find that the landlord is entitled to an order of possession for the rental unit effective two days after service of the order upon the tenants.

I also find that the landlord has established a total monetary claim of \$1970 comprised of outstanding, unpaid rent of \$1920 through July 2013, and the \$50 filing fee paid by the landlord for this application.

Conclusion

I grant the landlord a final, legally binding order of possession for the rental unit, which is enclosed with the landlord's Decision. Should the tenants fail to vacate the rental unit pursuant to the terms of the order after being served, the order may be filed in the Supreme Court of British Columbia for enforcement as an order of that Court. The tenants are advised that costs of such enforcement are recoverable from the tenants.

I grant the landlord a final, legally binding monetary order pursuant to section 67 of the Act for the amount of \$1970, which I have enclosed with the landlord's Decision.

Should the tenants fail to pay the landlord this amount without delay after being served the order, the order may be filed in the Provincial Court of British Columbia (Small Claims) for enforcement as an order of that Court. The tenants are advised that costs of such enforcement are recoverable from the tenants.

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* and is being mailed to both the applicant and the respondents.

Dated: July 24, 2013

Residential Tenancy Branch