

# **Dispute Resolution Services**

Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding Widsten Property Management Inc. and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

# DECISION

# Dispute Codes

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## Introduction

This matter was conducted by way of 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.

The Landlord submitted a signed Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding which declares that on August 19, 2013, at 4:40 p.m., the Landlord's agent hand delivered the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding to the Tenant at the rental unit.

Based on the Landlord's written submissions, I find that the Tenant has been served with the Direct Request Proceeding documents.

## Issue(s) to be Decided

Is the Landlord entitled to an Order of possession?

## **Background and Evidence**

The Landlord submitted the following evidentiary material:

- A copy of the Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Proceeding for the Tenant;
- A copy of the Proof of Service of the 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent;
- A copy of a residential tenancy agreement which was signed by the parties on April 3, 2013, indicating a monthly rent of \$500.00 due on the first day of the month; and
- A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent which was issued on August 7, 2013, with a stated effective vacancy date of August 17, 2013, for \$540.00 in unpaid rent.

Documentary evidence filed by the Landlord indicates that the rent remains unpaid, as follows: \$40.00 unpaid rent for July, 2013; and \$500.00 unpaid rent for August, 2013. The documentary evidence indicates that the Landlord served the 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent by posting the document to the Tenant's door on August 7, 2013, at 9:50 a.m. The Proof of Service document is signed by a witness.

The Tenant did not apply to dispute the Notice to End Tenancy within five days from the date of service.

#### <u>Analysis</u>

I have reviewed all documentary evidence and accept that the Notice to End Tenancy was posted to the Tenant's door on August 7, 2013. Service in this manner is deemed to be effected 3 days after posting the document, in this case August 10, 2013

I accept the evidence before me that the Tenant failed to pay the rent owed in full within the 5 days granted under Section 46 (4) of the *Act*.

Section 53 of the Act provides that an incorrect end-of-tenancy date on a notice to end tenancy is automatically corrected to the earliest date that complies with 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 August 20, 2013.

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

#### **Conclusion**

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 55 of the Act, I hereby provide the Landlord with an Order of Possession effective **two days after service** of the Order upon the Tenant. This Order may be filed in the Supreme 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: August 30, 2013

Residential Tenancy Branch