

# **Dispute Resolution Services**

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

# **DECISION**

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

## Introduction

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 and a monetary Order. The landlord submitted a signed Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding which declares that on August 7, 2013, the landlord sent the tenant the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding by registered mail. The landlord provided a copy of the Canada Post Tracking Number to confirm this mailing.

Based on the written submissions of the landlord and in accordance with sections 89 and 90 of the *Act*, I find that the tenant has been deemed served with the Direct Request Proceeding documents on August 12, 2013, the fifth day after their registered mailing.

#### 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*?

Is the landlord entitled to monetary compensation for unpaid rent pursuant to section 67 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 April 14, 2012, indicating a monthly rent of \$850.00 due on the 1st day of the month; and
- A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent (the 10 Day Notice) handed to the tenant's roommate on July 28, 2013, with a stated effective vacancy date of August 5, 2013, for \$850.00 in unpaid rent.

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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 the tenant's roommate at 2:00 p.m. on July 28, 2013, for service to the tenant. The landlord entered into written evidence a copy of the tenant's roommate's signature on the Proof of Service document attesting to her receipt of the 10 Day Notice on that date and time. In accordance with section 88(e) of the *Act*, the tenant was deemed served with this 10 Day Notice on July 28, 2013.

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.

### <u>Analysis</u>

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 corrected effective date of the 10 Day Notice, August 7, 2013. Therefore, I find that the landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession and a monetary Order of \$350.00, the amount identified in the application for dispute resolution as unpaid rent owing from this tenancy.

## 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.

Pursuant to section 67 of the *Act*, I find that the landlord is entitled to a monetary Order in the amount of \$350.00 for rent owed. The landlord is provided with these Orders in the above terms and the tenant must be served with **this Order** as soon as possible. Should the tenant fail to comply with these Orders, these Orders may be filed in the Small Claims Division of the Provincial Court and enforced as Orders 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 13, 2013

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