

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding 364438 B.B. Ltd and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

DECISION

Dispute Codes OPR, MNR

Introduction

This matter proceeded by way of Direct Request Proceeding, pursuant to section 55(4) of the Residential Tenancy Act (the "Act"), and deals 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 September 13, 2013, the Landlord served the Tenant personally with 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?

Background and Evidence

The Landlord submitted the following evidentiary material:

- A copy of the Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Proceeding;
- A copy of a residential tenancy agreement which was signed by the Parties on September 27, 2011, indicating a tenancy start date of October 1, 2011 and a monthly rent of \$775.00 due on the first day of the month;

- A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent which was issued on September 9, 2013 with a stated effective vacancy date of September 13, 2013, automatically corrected to September 22, 2013, for \$775.00 in unpaid rent; and
- A copy of the Proof of Service of the Notice to End Tenancy showing that the Landlord served the Notice to End tenancy to the Tenant on September 9, 2013 by posting the Notice on the Tenant's door.

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

<u>Analysis</u>

Section 46 of the Act requires that upon receipt of a 10 notice to end tenancy for unpaid rent (the "Notice") the tenant must, within five days, either pay the full amount of the arrears indicated on the Notice or dispute the notice by filing an application for dispute resolution with the Residential Tenancy Branch. If the tenant does neither of these two things, the tenant is conclusively presumed to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the effective date of the Notice.

As the Tenant has not filed an application to dispute the Notice and has not paid the rent as required, 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 Notice. 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 on the Tenant. Should the Tenant fail to comply with the order, the order may be filed in the Supreme Court of British Columbia and enforced as an order of that Court.

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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: September 23, 2013

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