

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

<u>Dispute Codes</u> OPR, MNR, MNSD, FF, O

<u>Introduction</u>

This hearing dealt with the landlord's Application for Dispute Resolution seeking an order of possession and a monetary order.

The hearing was conducted via teleconference and was attended by the landlord's agent.

The landlord testified the tenant was served with the notice of hearing documents and this Application for Dispute Resolution, pursuant to Section 59(3) of the *Residential Tenancy Act (Act)* by registered mail on August 28, 2013 in accordance with Section 89. As per Section 90, the documents are deemed received by the tenant on the 5th day after it was mailed.

I also note that the tenant has submitted a substantial amount of documentary evidence regarding his monies he states are owed to him from the landlord.

Based on the testimony of the landlord and the tenant's submission of evidence noting the file number on his submissions, I find that the tenant has been sufficiently served with the documents pursuant to the *Act*.

Issue(s) to be Decided

The issues to be decided are whether the landlord is entitled to an order of possession for unpaid rent; to a monetary order for unpaid rent; for all or part of the security deposit and to recover the filing fee from the tenant for the cost of the Application for Dispute Resolution, pursuant to Sections 38, 46, 55, 67, and 72 of the *Residential Tenancy Act (Act)*.

Background and Evidence

The landlord submitted the following documentary evidence:

 A copy of a residential tenancy agreement which was signed by the parties on September 26, 2012 for a 6 month fixed term tenancy beginning on October 1, Page: 2

2012 that converted to a month to month tenancy on April 1, 2013 for the monthly rent of \$1,200.00 due on the 1st of each month and a security deposit of \$600.00 was paid; and

 A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent that was issued on August 18, 2013 with an effective vacancy date of August 28, 2013 due to \$12,000.00 in unpaid rent.

Documentary evidence filed by the landlord indicates the tenant failed to pay the full rent owed for the months of November and December 2012 and January, February, March, April, May, June, July, and August 2013 and that the tenant was served the 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent personally on August 18, 2013.

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

The landlord submits the tenant has also not paid any rent for the months of September and October 2013. The landlord has submitted into evidence a copy of a utility bill in the amount of \$654.55 for local utilities for which the landlord submits the tenant is responsible but has paid nothing towards.

<u>Analysis</u>

I have reviewed all documentary evidence and accept that the tenant has been served with notice to end tenancy as declared by the landlord. The notice is deemed to have been received by the tenant on August 18, 2013 and the effective date of the notice was August 28, 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*.

Based on the foregoing, I find 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.

Conclusion

I find the landlord is entitled to an order of possession effective **two days after service on the tenant**. This order must be served on the tenant. If the tenant fails to comply with this order the landlord may file the order with the Supreme Court of British Columbia and be enforced as an order of that Court.

I find the landlord is entitled to monetary compensation pursuant to Section 67 in the amount of **\$15,154.55** comprised of \$14,400.00 rent owed; \$654.55 utilities and the \$100.00 fee paid by the landlord for this application.

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I order the landlord may deduct the security deposit and interest held in the amount of \$600.00 in partial satisfaction of this claim. I grant a monetary order in the amount of \$14,554.55.

This order must be served on the tenant. If the tenant fails to comply with this order the landlord may file the order in the Provincial Court (Small Claims) and be 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: October 04, 2013

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