

# **Dispute Resolution Services**

Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

## DECISION

Dispute Codes: OPC

### Introduction

This hearing concerns the landlord's application for an order of possession. The landlord attended and gave affirmed testimony.

The landlord testified that the application for dispute resolution and the notice of hearing (the "hearing package") was served by way of delivery to the tenant's mailbox on October 10, 2013. Despite this, the tenant did not appear.

### Issue(s) to be Decided

Whether the landlord is entitled to the above under the Act, Regulation or tenancy agreement.

### Background and Evidence

Pursuant to a written tenancy agreement, a copy of which is not in evidence, the tenancy began on July 5, 2012. Monthly rent is \$375.00 and a security deposit of \$187.50 was collected.

Pursuant to section 47 of the Act which addresses **Landlord's notice: cause**, the landlord issued a 1 month notice to end tenancy dated August 14, 2013. The notice was served by way of posting on the unit door on that same date. A copy of the notice was submitted in evidence. The date shown on the notice by when the tenant must vacate the unit is September 30, 2013. Reasons identified on the notice in support of its issuance are as follows:

Tenant or a person permitted on the property by the tenant has:

 seriously jeopardized the health or safety or lawful right of another occupant or the landlord - put the landlord's property at significant risk

The tenant did not file an application to dispute the notice and he continues to reside in the unit.

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

Based on the documentary evidence and the affirmed / undisputed testimony of the landlord, I find that the tenant was served with a 1 month notice to end tenancy for cause dated August 14, 2013. As the notice was served by way of posting on the unit door on that same date, pursuant to section 90 of the Act which addresses **When documents are considered to have been received**, the tenant is deemed to have received the notice 3 days later on August 17, 2013. The tenant did not dispute the notice within 10 days after receiving it. The tenant is therefore conclusively presumed under section 47(5) of the Act to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the effective date of the notice. Accordingly, I find that the landlord has established entitlement to an **order of possession**.

#### **Conclusion**

I hereby issue an **order of possession** in favour of the landlord effective not later than **two (2) days** after service on the tenant. This order must be served 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.

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: November 14, 2013

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