

Dispute Resolution Services

Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding Home Time Realty and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

DECISION

Dispute Codes CNC, FF

Introduction

This hearing dealt with the tenants' application pursuant to the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the *Act*) for:

- cancellation of the landlord's 1 Month Notice to End Tenancy for Cause (the 1 Month Notice) pursuant to section 47; and
- authorization to recover their filing fee for this application from the landlord pursuant to section 72.

Both parties attended the hearing and were given a full opportunity to be heard, to present their sworn testimony, to make submissions and to discuss this matter with one another. The male tenant (the tenant) confirmed that the tenants received the landlord's 1 Month Notice sent by regular mail on October 8, 2013. The landlord testified that the tenant(s) handed the landlord's a copy of the tenants' dispute resolution hearing package at 3:43 p.m. on October 25, 2013. I am satisfied that the parties served one another with the above documents and were prepared to discuss the tenants' application at this hearing.

At the hearing, the landlord requested an Order of Possession based on the 1 Month Notice if the tenants' application were dismissed.

Issues(s) to be Decided

Should the landlord's 1 Month Notice be cancelled? If not, is the landlord entitled to an Order of Possession? Are the tenants entitled to recover the filing fee for this application from the landlord?

Background and Evidence

This tenancy began as a six-month fixed term tenancy on March 1, 2013. When the initial term expired, the tenancy continued as a periodic tenancy. Monthly rent is set at \$1,100.00, payable in advance on the first of each month. The landlord continues to hold the tenant's \$550.00 security deposit paid on January 25, 2013.

<u>Analysis</u>

Pursuant to section 63 of the *Act*, the Arbitrator may assist the parties to settle their dispute and if the parties settle their dispute during the dispute resolution proceedings, the settlement may be recorded in the form of a decision or an order. During the hearing, the parties discussed the issues between them, engaged in a conversation, turned their minds to compromise and achieved a resolution of their dispute.

Both parties agreed to settle this dispute on the basis of the following final and binding terms:

- 1. Both parties agreed that this tenancy will end by 1:00 p.m. on December 31, 2013, by which time the tenants will have vacated the rental unit.
- 2. Both parties agreed that this settlement agreement constituted a final and binding resolution of all issues currently under dispute arising out of this tenancy.

Conclusion

To give effect to the settlement reached between the parties and as discussed at the hearing, I issue the attached Order of Possession to be used by the landlord if the tenants do not vacate the rental premises in accordance with their agreement. The landlord is provided with these Orders in the above terms and the tenants must be served with this Order in the event that the tenants do not vacate the premises by the time and date set out in their agreement. Should the tenants fail to comply with this Order, this Order may be filed and enforced as an Order of the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

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 20, 2013

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