

Dispute Resolution Services

Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding NACEL PROPERTIES 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 dealt with an Application for Dispute Resolution by the landlord for an order of possession for unpaid rent and a monetary order for unpaid rent.

In addition to other documentary evidence, the landlord submitted in their evidence a copy of a tenancy agreement where the name of the tenant and the name of the landlord are not legible.

Preliminary Issue, Analysis and Conclusion

The Direct Request process is a mechanism that allows the landlord to apply for an expedited decision, with that the landlord must follow and submit documentation <u>exactly</u> as the *Act* prescribes; there can be no omissions or deficiencies with items being left open to interpretation or inference.

In this case, the landlord has included a tenancy agreement in which the name of the tenant and the name of the landlord are not legible. Under these circumstances, **I dismiss** the landlord's application **with leave to reapply**. The landlord should not apply for a direct request proceeding unless all documents are completed <u>in full and there are no documents which contain omissions or deficiencies</u>. Therefore, the landlord may wish to submit a new application through the normal dispute resolution process which includes a **participatory hearing** as this application is <u>not suitable</u> for the direct request proceeds, or to ensure that all documents submitted in evidence, including the tenancy agreement, are legible.

This decision is final and binding on the parties, unless otherwise provided under the *Act*, and 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: February 27, 2014

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