



Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes OPR, MNR

Introduction

This hearing proceeded by way of Direct Request Proceeding, pursuant to sections 55(4) and 74(2) of the *Residential Tenancy Act (Act)*, and dealt with an Application for Dispute Resolution by the Landlord for an Order of Possession and a monetary Order.

The Landlord submitted a signed Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding which declares that on February 19, 2014 the Landlord served the male Tenant with the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding by registered mail. The Landlord submitted a copy of a Canada Post Receipt, with a tracking number, which corroborates that a package was mailed to the male Tenant at the rental unit. Based on the written submissions of the Landlord, I find the male Tenant has been served with the Dispute Resolution Direct Request Proceeding document. Section 90 of the *Act* stipulates that a document that is served by mail is deemed received on the fifth day after it is mailed which, in these circumstances, is February 24, 2014.

The Landlord submitted a signed Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding which declares that on February 19, 2014 the Landlord served the female Tenant with the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding by registered mail. The Landlord submitted a copy of a Canada Post Receipt, with a tracking number, which corroborates that a package was mailed to the female Tenant at the rental unit. Based on the written submissions of the Landlord, I find the female Tenant has been served with the Direct Request Proceeding document. Section 90 of the *Act* stipulates that a document that is served by mail is deemed received on the fifth day after it is mailed which, in these circumstances, is February 24, 2014.

Issue(s) to be Decided

Is the Landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession for unpaid rent and to a monetary Order for unpaid rent, pursuant to sections 55 and 67 of the *Act*?

Background and Evidence

I have reviewed the following evidence that was submitted by the Landlord:

- A copy of the Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Proceeding for each Tenant.

- A copy of a residential tenancy agreement which appears to be signed by both Tenants that indicates that the tenancy began on November 01, 2013 and that the rent of \$1,100.00 is due by the first day of each month.
- A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent that appears to be signed by the Landlord and is dated January 28, 2014, which declares that the Tenants must vacate the rental unit by February 18, 2014 as they have failed to pay rent in the amount of \$1,100.00 that was due on January 01, 2014. The Notice declares that the tenancy will end unless the Tenants pay the rent within five days of receiving the Notice or submit an Application for Dispute Resolution seeking to set aside the Notice within five days of receiving the Notice.
- A copy of a signed Proof of Service of the 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy, in which the Landlord declared that the Notice was left in the mail box of the rental unit on January 28, 2014, in the presence of another person, who also signed the Proof of Service.

In the Application for Dispute Resolution the Landlord declared that the 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent was left in the Tenant's mail box on January 28, 2014 and that the rent has not been paid for January and February.

Analysis

Based on the evidence provided by the Landlord and in the absence of evidence to the contrary, I find that the Tenants entered into a tenancy agreement that required the Tenants to pay monthly rent of \$1,100.00 by the first day of each month and that the Tenants had not paid rent for January or February of 2014 by the time the Landlord filed this Application for Dispute Resolution. I have no evidence to show that the Tenant paid the outstanding rent since the Application for Dispute Resolution was filed and therefore I find that the Tenants owe rent in the amount of \$2,200.00.

While I accept that the Tenant owes \$2,200.00 in unpaid rent, the Landlord has only claimed compensation of \$1,100.00. I am unable to award compensation in an amount that is greater than the amount claimed through a Direct Request Proceeding.

Based on the evidence provided by the Landlord and in the absence of evidence to the contrary, I find that a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy was left in the Tenant's mail box on January 28, 2014.

I have no evidence to show that the Tenants filed an Application for Dispute Resolution seeking to set aside the Notice to End Tenancy. Pursuant to section 46(5) of the *Act*, I therefore find that the Tenants accepted that the tenancy ended on the effective date of the Notice, which was February 18, 2014.

Conclusion

I grant the Landlord an Order of Possession that is effective two days after service on the Tenants. This Order may be served on the Tenants, filed with the Supreme Court of British Columbia and enforced as an Order of that Court.

The Landlord has established a monetary claim, in the amount of \$1,100.00, for unpaid rent from January of 2014 and I grant the Landlord a monetary Order in that amount. This Order may be served on the Tenants, filed with the Province of British Columbia Small Claims Court 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: February 25, 2014

Residential Tenancy Branch

