



Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

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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.

The landlord submitted a signed proof of service of the notice of direct request proceeding which declares that on April 17, 2014, the landlord served both tenants with the notice of direct request proceeding via registered mail, via two registered mail packages, one to each of the tenants.

Section 90 of the *Act* determines that a document served in this manner is deemed to have been served five days later.

Based on the written submissions of the landlord, I find that the tenants have been duly served with the direct request proceeding documents as of April 22, 2014.

Issues to be Decided

- Is the landlord entitled to an order of possession for unpaid rent?
- Is the landlord entitled to a monetary order for unpaid rent?

Background and Evidence

The landlord submitted the following evidentiary material:

- A copy of the proof of service of the notice of direct proceeding for the tenants and two registered mail tracking numbers and receipts;

- A copy of a residential tenancy agreement which was signed by the parties on January 2, 2014, indicating a monthly rent of \$550.00 due on the first day of the month; and
- A copy of a 10 day notice to end tenancy for unpaid rent which was issued on March 15, 2014, with a stated effective vacancy date of March 28, 2014, for \$550.00 in unpaid rent due March 1, 2014.

Documentary evidence filed by the landlord indicates that the tenants had failed to pay the rent owed and were both served the 10 day notice to end tenancy for unpaid rent by personal service at the rental unit address on March 15, 2014, at 9:45 a.m., which was witnessed by a third party, "PA".

The notice states that the tenants had five days to pay the rent in full or apply for dispute resolution or the tenancy would end 10 days from the service date. The tenants did not apply to dispute the notice to end tenancy within five days from the date of service.

The landlord wrote in his Application that he is seeking \$550.00 in unpaid rent for the months of March 2014 and April 2014, for a total in unpaid rent of \$1,100.00.

Analysis

I have reviewed all documentary evidence and accept that the tenants have been served with notice to end tenancy as declared by the landlord.

I accept the evidence before me that the tenants have 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 that the tenants are conclusively presumed under section 46(5) of the *Act* to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the effective vacancy date of the notice, March 28, 2014. Therefore, I find that the landlord is entitled to an order of possession and a monetary order for unpaid rent.

Conclusion

I find that the landlord is entitled to an order of possession effective **two (2) days after service** on the tenants and this order may be filed in the Supreme Court and enforced as an order of that court.

I find that the landlord is entitled to monetary compensation pursuant to section 67 in the amount of **\$1,100.00** comprised of rent owed.

This order must be served on the tenants and may be filed in the Provincial Court (Small Claims) and enforced as an order of that court.

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: April 24, 2014

Residential Tenancy Branch

