

# **Dispute Resolution Services**

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding david burr Ltd. and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

## **DECISION**

## **Dispute Codes:**

OPC, MNR, MNSD, MNDC, FF

#### <u>Introduction</u>

This hearing was scheduled in response to the Landlord's Application for Dispute Resolution, in which the Landlord applied for an Order of Possession for Caue, a monetary Order for unpaid rent, a monetary Order for money owed or compensation for damage or loss, to retain all or part of the security deposit, and to recover the fee for filing this Application for Dispute Resolution.

The Agent for the Landlord stated that on May 12, 2014 the Application for Dispute Resolution, the Notice of Hearing and documents the Landlord wishes to rely upon as evidence were sent to the Tenant, via registered mail, at the rental unit. The Agent for the Landlord cited a tracking number that corroborates this statement. In the absence of evidence to the contrary, I find that these documents have been served in accordance with section 89 of the *Residential Tenancy Act (Act)*; however the Tenant did not appear at the hearing.

#### Issue(s) to be Decided

Is the Landlord entitled to an Order of Possession; to a monetary Order for unpaid rent; and to keep all or part of the security deposit?

### Background and Evidence

The Agent for the Landlord stated that this tenancy began on December 01, 2011; the Tenant is currently required to pay monthly rent of \$726.00 by the first day of each month; and that the Tenant paid a security deposit of \$350.00.

The Agent for the Landlord stated that the Tenant did not pay rent for May and June of 2014, and that his rent was in arrears by \$104.00 on April 30, 2014.

The Agent for the Landlord stated on March 05, 2014 he posted a One Month Notice to End Tenancy for Cause at the rental unit, which had an effective date of April 30, 2014.

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He stated that although the Tenant stated that he was going to dispute the Notice, he does not believe that the Tenant filed an Application for Dispute Resolution disputing the Notice.

#### **Analysis**

On the basis of the undisputed evidence, I find that the Tenant entered into a tenancy agreement with the Landlord that currently requires the Tenant to pay monthly rent of \$726.00 by the first day of each month. Section 26(1) of the *Act* requires tenants to pay rent to their landlord.

On the basis of the undisputed evidence, I find that the Tenant currently owes \$1,556.00 in rent for the period ending June 30, 2014. I therefore find that the Tenant must pay this amount to the Landlord.

On the basis of the undisputed evidence, I find that a One Month Notice to End Tenancy, served pursuant to section 47 of the *Act*, was posted at the rental unit on March 05, 2014.

Section 47 of the Act stipulates that a Tenant has ten days from the date of receiving the Notice to End Tenancy to either pay the outstanding rent or to file an Application for Dispute Resolution to dispute the Notice. In the circumstances before me I have no evidence that the Tenant exercised either of these rights and, pursuant to section 46(5) of the *Act*, I find that the Tenant accepted that the tenancy ended on April 30, 2014, which was the effective date of the Notice. On this basis I grant the landlord an Order of Possession.

I find that the Landlord's application has merit and that the Landlord is entitled to recover the cost of filing this Application for Dispute Resolution.

#### Conclusion

I grant the Landlord an Order of Possession that is effective at 1:00 p.m. on June 30, 2014. This Order may be served on the Tenant, 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 \$1,606.00, which is comprised of \$1,556.00 in unpaid rent and \$50.00 in compensation for the filing fee paid by the Landlord for this Application for Dispute Resolution. Pursuant to section 72(2) of the *Act*, I authorize the Landlord to keep the Tenant's security deposit of \$350.00, in partial satisfaction of the monetary claim.

Based on these determinations I grant the Landlord a monetary Order for the balance of \$1,256.00. In the event that the Tenant does not comply with this Order, it may be served on the Tenant, 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: June 26, 2014

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