

# **Dispute Resolution Services**

Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding Hume Investments Ltd. and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

## **DECISION**

<u>Dispute Codes</u> OPR, MNR

### <u>Introduction</u>

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 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 June 20, 2014, the landlord personally served the tenant with the Notices of Direct Request Proceeding.

Based on the written submissions of the landlord, I find that the tenant has been duly served with the Direct Request Proceeding documents.

#### <u>Issues to be Decided</u>

Is the landlord entitled to an order of possession?

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 Request Proceeding;
- A copy of a residential tenancy agreement which was signed by the tenant on February 28, 2014, indicating that the tenant is obligated to pay \$725.00 in rent in advance on the first day of the month. The landlord did not sign the tenancy agreement, although the landlord's initials appear throughout.
- A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent (the "Notice") which the landlord served on the tenant on June 2, 2014 for \$725.00 in unpaid rent due in the month of June; and

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 A copy of the Proof of Service of the Notice showing that the landlord posted the Notice to the door of the rental unit.

Section 90 of the Act provides that because the Notice was served by posting, the tenant is deemed to have received the Notice 3 days later on June 5, 2014.

The Notice restates section 46(4) of the Act which provides that the tenant had five days to pay the rent in full or apply for Dispute Resolution. The tenant did not apply to dispute the Notice within five days from the date of service and the landlord alleged that the tenant did not pay the rental arrears.

#### Analysis

Although the landlord did not sign the tenancy agreement, I find that the landlord's initials throughout the agreement show that the landlord was in agreement with the terms. I find that the parties had a binding agreement between them.

I find that the tenant received the Notice on June 5, 2014. I accept the landlord's undisputed evidence and I find that the tenant did not pay the rental arrears and did not apply to dispute the Notice and is therefore conclusively presumed to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the effective date of the Notice. I grant the landlord an order of possession which must be served on the tenant. Should the tenant fail to comply with the order, it may be filed for enforcement in the Supreme Court.

I accept the evidence before me that the tenant has failed to pay \$725.00 in rent for the month of June. I find that the landlord is entitled to recover the rental arrears and I grant the landlord a monetary order for \$725.00. This order may be filed in the Small Claims Division of the Provincial Court and enforced as an order of that Court.

## Conclusion

I grant the landlord an order of possession and a monetary order for \$725.00.

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: July 03, 2014

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