

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding SCOTT AVENUE APARTMENTS LTD. and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

DECISION

Dispute Codes 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 landlords for an Order of Possession and a monetary order for unpaid rent.

The landlords submitted a signed Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding which declares that on August 19, 2014, the landlords served the tenant with the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding by posting it on the door. Section 90 of the Act determines that a document served in this manner is deemed to have been served three days later.

However, under the Act the Landlord is unable to obtain a monetary order when using this method of service for the Direct Request documents. Therefore, I dismiss the claim for a monetary order, with leave to reapply.

Based on the written submissions of the landlords, I find that the tenant has been duly served with the Direct Request Proceeding documents for the purposes of obtaining an order of possession.

Issue(s) to be Decided

The issues to be decided are whether the landlords are entitled to an Order of Possession for unpaid rent pursuant to sections 46 and 55 of the Act.

Background and Evidence

The landlords submitted the following evidentiary material:

- A copy of the Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Proceeding for the tenant;
- A copy of a residential tenancy agreement which was signed by the parties on April 18, 2014, indicating a monthly rent of \$750.00 due on the first day of the month; and

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 A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent which was issued on August 4, 2014, with a stated effective vacancy date of August 18, for \$750.00 in unpaid rent.

Documentary evidence filed by the landlords indicates that the tenant had failed to pay all rent owed and was served the 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent by posting on the door, which was witnessed on August 4, 2014. Section 90 of the Act deems the tenant was served on August 7, 2014.

The Notice states that the tenant had five days from the date of service to pay the rent in full or apply for Dispute Resolution or the tenancy would end. The tenant did not apply to dispute the Notice to End Tenancy within five days from the date of service.

<u>Analysis</u>

I have reviewed all documentary evidence and accept that the tenant has been served with notice to end tenancy as declared by the landlords. I accept the evidence before me that the tenant has 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 tenant is conclusively presumed under section 46(5) of the Act to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the effective date of the Notice. Therefore, I find that the landlords are entitled to an order of possession based on unpaid rent.

Conclusion

I find that the landlords are entitled to an Order of Possession effective **two days after service** on the tenant and this Order may be filed in the Supreme Court and enforced as an Order of that Court. The claim for monetary compensation for unpaid rent is dismissed with leave to reapply.

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: August 27, 2014

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