

# **Dispute Resolution Services**

Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

## DECISION

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Introduction

This hearing proceeded by way of Direct Request Proceeding, pursuant to section 55(4) of 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 August 19, 2014, the Landlord served the Tenant by registered mail. Canada Post receipts were provided in the Landlord's evidence. Based on the written submissions of the Landlord, I find that the Tenant is deemed served with the Dispute Resolution Direct Request Proceeding documents on August 24, 2014, five days after they were mailed, pursuant to section 90 of the Act.

## Issue(s) to be Decided

Is the Landlord entitled to an Order of Possession and a Monetary Order pursuant to section 55 of the *Residential Tenancy Act*?

## Background and Evidence

I have carefully reviewed the following relevant evidentiary material submitted by the Landlord:

- A copy of the Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Proceeding for the Tenant;
- A copy of the Landlord's Application for Direct Request and the Monetary Order Worksheet indicating the claim was for the August 2014 unpaid rent of \$1,200.00
- A copy of a residential tenancy agreement which was signed by all parties for a fixed term tenancy that commenced on July 1, 2014, for the monthly rent of \$1,200.00 due in on the 1st of each month;
- A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent which was issued on, August 4 2014, with an effective vacancy date listed as August 15, 2014, due to

\$1,200.00 in unpaid rent that was due on August 1, 2014 and \$300.00 in unpaid utilities that was due July 1, 2014; and

• A statement indicating the Landlord was withdrawing their request for unpaid utilities as the matter was between the Tenant and the utility company.

Although other documents were submitted into evidence they were not relevant to this Direct Request Application and were not considered.

Documentary evidence filed by the Landlord indicates that the Tenant was served the 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent on August 4, 2014, at 12:00 p.m. when it was posted to the Tenant's door, in the presence of a witness.

#### Analysis

**Order of Possession -** I have reviewed all documentary evidence and accept that the Tenant has been served with notice to end tenancy as declared by the Landlord. The notice is deemed to have been received by the Tenant on August 7, 2014, three days after it was posted, and the effective date of the notice is August 17, 2014, pursuant to section 90 of the *Act*. 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 and I hereby grant the Landlord an Order of Possession.

**Monetary Order** – The evidence supports that the Tenant failed to pay the rent that was due on August 1, 2014, in violation of section 26 of the Act which provides that a tenant must pay rent when it is due under the tenancy agreement. As per the aforementioned I approve the Landlord's request for a Monetary Order for **\$1,200.00**.

Any deposits currently held in trust by the Landlord are to be administered in accordance with Section 38 of the *Residential Tenancy Act*.

#### **Conclusion**

The Landlord has been granted an Order of Possession effective **Two (2) Days after service upon the Tenant.** In the event that the Tenant does not comply with this Order it may be filed with the Province of British Columbia Supreme Court and enforced as an Order of that Court.

The Landlord has been awarded a Monetary Order in the amount of **\$1,200.00**. This Order is legally binding and must be served upon the Tenant. In the event that the Tenant does not comply with this Order it may be 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: August 25, 2014

Residential Tenancy Branch