



Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding Capreit
and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

DECISION

Dispute Codes OPR, MNR

Introduction

This matter was conducted by way of Direct Request Proceeding, pursuant to Section 55(4) of the *Residential Tenancy Act (Act)*, and dealt with an Application for Dispute Resolution by the landlord for an order of possession and a monetary order due to unpaid rent. A participatory hearing was not convened.

The landlord submitted a signed Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding which declares that on July 14, 2014 the landlord served the tenant with the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding via registered mail. Section 90 of the *Act* states a document sent by mail is deemed served on the 5th day after it is mailed.

Based on the written submissions of the landlord, I find that the tenant has been sufficiently served with the Dispute Resolution Direct Request Proceeding documents pursuant to the *Act*.

Issue(s) to be Decided

The issues to be decided are whether the landlord is entitled to an order of possession for unpaid rent and to a monetary order for unpaid rent, pursuant to Sections 46, 55, 67, and 72 of the *Act*.

Background and Evidence

The landlord submitted the following documentary evidence:

- A copy of a residential tenancy agreement which was signed by the parties on February 7, 2011 for a 1 year and 16 day fixed term tenancy beginning on March 15, 2011 for the monthly rent of \$573.00. The landlord has also submitted an unsigned addendum that states rent is due on the 1st of each month; and

- A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent that was issued on July 2, 2014 with an effective vacancy date of July 15, 2014 due to \$1,250.00 in unpaid rent.

Documentary evidence filed by the landlord indicates the tenant failed to pay the full rent owed for the months of June and July 2014 and that the tenant was served the 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent by posting it to the rental unit door on July 2, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. and that this service was witnessed by a third party.

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

Analysis

Direct Request proceedings are conducted when a landlord issues a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent or Utilities and the tenant(s) has not filed an Application for Dispute Resolution seeking to cancel the Notice within 5 days of receiving the Notice. The proceeding is conducted *ex parte* and based solely on the paperwork provided by the applicant landlord.

Because the hearing is conducted without the benefit of having a participatory hearing in which I might question either of the parties if something is unclear in the paperwork all documents submitted must be complete and clear.

In the case before me the landlord submits on their Application for Dispute Resolution that the tenant has failed to pay rent for June 2014 in the amount of \$300.00 and for July 2014 in the amount of \$900.00 for a total of \$1,200.00 in arrears.

However, the tenancy agreement states that rent is \$573.00 per month and the landlord has provided insufficient evidence to establish how the monthly rent has been raised from \$573.00 per month at the start of the tenancy (March 2011) to \$900.00. As a cannot determine the amount of rent, I find the landlord's Application for Dispute Resolution is not suitable to be adjudicated through the Direct Request process.

Conclusion

Based on the above, I dismiss this Application for Dispute Resolution with leave to reapply through a participatory process or through the Direct Request process with sufficient evidence to address the discrepancies in the amount of rent.

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 20, 2014

Residential Tenancy Branch

