

# **Dispute Resolution Services**

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# Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

## **DECISION**

<u>Dispute Codes</u> OPR MNR

### 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 11, 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 16, 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 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;
- A copy of a residential tenancy agreement which lists the Tenant's name on the first page with a common abbreviation of her first name and which shows her full first name on the signature page;
- The tenancy agreement was signed by all parties for a fixed term tenancy that commenced on March 15, 2009, and switched to a month to month tenancy after March 15, 2010, for the monthly rent of \$2,300.00 due on the 1st of each month; and
- A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent which was issued on, July 1, 2014, with an effective vacancy date listed as July 11, 2014, due to \$2,300.00 in unpaid rent that was due on July 1, 2014.

Documentary evidence filed by the Landlord indicates that the Tenant was served the 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent on July 3, 2014, by registered mail. Canada Post receipts were provided in the Landlord's evidence.

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### Analysis

**Order of Possession -** I have reviewed all documentary evidence and accept that the Tenant has been served with the Notice to end tenancy as declared by the Landlord.

The 10 Day Notice form sets out that, "An error in this notice or an incorrect move out date does not make it invalid." I note that although the Landlord signed the Notice on July 1, 2014, this did not invalidate the 10 day Notice to End Tenancy form as she wrote beside her signature, "\*Served on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.14, which I find amends the issue date of the Notice.

The notice is deemed to have been received by the Tenant on July 8, 2014, five days after it was mailed, and the effective date of the notice is July 18, 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 July 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 **\$2,300.00**.

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 issued an Order of Possession effective **two days after service on the Tenant**. This Order is legally binding and must be served upon the Tenant.

The Landlord has been awarded a Monetary Order in the amount of **\$2,300.00**. 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 18, 2014

Residential Tenancy Branch