



Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding RANDALL NORTH REAL ESTATE SERVICES INC.
and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

DECISION

Dispute Codes OPR, MNR, MNSD, FF

Introduction

This hearing dealt with an Application for Dispute Resolution by the Landlord for an Order of Possession based on unpaid rent, a Monetary Order for unpaid rent, an order to retain the security deposit in partial satisfaction of the claim and to recover the filing fee for the Application.

The Tenant also applied for dispute resolution, although failed to attend the hearing. Accordingly, the Tenant's application is dismissed without leave to reapply.

Only the Landlord's agent and property manager, M.J. appeared at the hearing. She gave affirmed testimony and was provided the opportunity to present her evidence orally and in written and documentary form, and to make submissions to me.

M.J. testified she served the Tenant with the Notice of Hearing and their Application on September 3, 2014 by registered mail. A copy of the registered mail receipt and tracking number was provided in evidence. Under the Act documents served this way are deemed served 5 days later; accordingly, I find the Tenant was duly served as of September 8, 2014.

I have reviewed all oral and written evidence before me that met the requirements of the rules of procedure. However, only the evidence relevant to the issues and findings in this matter are described in this Decision.

Issues to be Decided

Has the Tenant breached the Act or tenancy agreement, entitling the Landlord to an Order of Possession and monetary relief?

Background and Evidence

Introduced in evidence was a copy of the residential tenancy agreement.

The tenancy began August 1, 2014. Monthly rent was payable in the amount of \$725.00. A security deposit in the amount of \$365 was paid in two installments; namely, \$180.00 on July 16, 2014 and \$185.00 on July 21, 2014.

The Tenant failed to pay rent for the month of August 2014. The Landlord issued a 10 day Notice to End Tenancy for non-payment of rent on August 18, 2014 in which the amount of \$725.00 was noted as due as of August 1, 2014 (the "Notice").

Based on the testimony of M.J. and the Proof of Service—Notice to End Tenancy, I find that the Tenant was served with the Notice on August 18, 2014 by posting to the rental unit door. Section 90 of the Act provides that documents served in this manner are deemed served three days later. Accordingly, I find that the Tenant was served with the Notice as of August 21, 2014.

The Notice informed the Tenant that the Notice would be cancelled if the rent was paid within five days of service, namely, August 26, 2014. The Notice also explains the Tenant had five days from the date of service to dispute the Notice by filing an Application for Dispute Resolution.

The Tenant filed a Tenant's Application for Dispute Resolution on August 17, 2014.

M.J. testified that the Tenant also did not pay rent for September 2014 and consequently has not paid rent for any of the time he has been in the rental unit.

Analysis

Based on the above, the testimony and evidence, and on a balance of probabilities, I find as follows:

The Tenant has not paid the outstanding rent and his application to dispute the Notice is dismissed. As such, his application is dismissed and he is therefore conclusively presumed under section 46(5) of the Act to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the effective date of the Notice.

Under section 26 of the Act, the Tenant must not withhold rent, even if the Landlord is in breach of the tenancy agreement or the Act, unless the Tenant has some authority under the Act to not pay rent. In this situation the Tenant had no authority under the Act to not pay rent.

I find that the Landlord is entitled to an order of possession effective **two days** after service on the Tenant. This order may be filed in the Supreme Court and enforced as an order of that Court.

I find that the Landlord has established a total monetary claim of \$1,500.00 comprised of \$725.00 for rent for the month of August and \$725.00 for rent for the month of September and the \$50.00 fee paid by the Landlord for this application.

I order that the Landlord retain the security deposit of \$365.00 in partial satisfaction of the claim and I grant the Landlord an order under section 67 for the balance due of \$1,135.00.

This order may be filed in the Provincial Court (Small Claims) and enforced as an order of that Court.

Conclusion

The Tenant failed to pay rent and did not file to dispute the Notice to End Tenancy. The Tenant is presumed under the law to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the effective date of the Notice to End Tenancy.

The Landlord is granted an order of possession, may keep the security deposit and interest in partial satisfaction of the claim, and is granted a monetary order for the balance due.

This decision is final and binding on the parties, except as 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: September 25, 2014

Residential Tenancy Branch

