

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

<u>Dispute Codes</u> OPR, MNR, MDSD & FF

<u>Introduction</u>

A hearing was conducted by conference call in the presence of the applicant and in the absence of the respondent although duly served. On the basis of the solemnly affirmed evidence presented at that hearing, a decision has been reached. All of the evidence was carefully considered.

I find that the one month Notice to End Tenancy was personally served on the Tenant on May 6, 2014.

The Residential Tenancy Act permits a party to serve another by mailing by registered mail to where the other party resides. The Supreme Court of British Columbia has held that a party cannot avoid service by refusing to pick up their registered mail. I find that the Application for Dispute Resolution/Notice of Hearing was served by mailing, by registered mail to where the tenant resides. I further determined there was sufficient service even as the tenant refused to pick up the package despite notification given to him. With respect to each of the applicant's claims I find as follows:

Issue(s) to be Decided

The issues to be decided are as follows:

- a. Whether the landlord is entitled to an Order for Possession?
- b. Whether the landlord is entitled to A Monetary Order and if so how much?
- c. Whether the landlord is entitled to retain all or a portion of the security deposit/pet deposit?
- d. Whether the landlord is entitled to recover the cost of the filing fee?

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Background and Evidence

The tenant started paying rent of \$600 per month payable on the first day of the month in 2011. The tenant stopped paying rent in April 2013. I determined the tenant has failed to pay the rent for the period May 2013 to and including October 2014 and the sum of \$10,800 remains outstanding. The tenant(s) continues to reside in the rental unit.

Analysis - Order of Possession:

I determined the landlord was entitled to an Order for Possession. There is outstanding rent. The Tenant(s) have not made an application to set aside the one month Notice to End Tenancy and the time to do so has expired. In such situations the Residential Tenancy Act provides the tenant is conclusively presumed to have accepted that the tenancy ends on the effective date of the notice, and must vacate the rental unit by that date. Accordingly, I granted the landlord an Order for Possession on 2 days notice.

The tenant must be served with this Order as soon as possible. Should the tenant fail to comply with this Order, the landlord may register the Order with the Supreme Court of British Columbia for enforcement.

Analysis - Monetary Order and Cost of Filing fee

I determined the tenant has failed to pay the rent for the month(s) of May 2013 to and including October 2014 and the sum of \$10,800 remains outstanding. I determined the landlord has given sufficient notice of their intention to claim for all of last month as provided in the Application for Dispute Resolution. I granted the landlord a monetary order in the sum of \$10,800 plus the sum of \$100 in respect of the filing fee for a total of \$10,900.

I dismissed the landlord's claims for the cost of cleanup and removal of garbage with liberty to re-apply as those claims are premature.

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It is further Ordered that this sum be paid forthwith. The applicant is given a formal

Order in the above terms and the respondent must be served with a copy of this Order

as soon as possible.

Should the respondent fail to comply with this Order, the Order may be filed in the Small

Claims division of the Provincial 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: October 09, 2014

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