



# Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch  
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

## **DECISION**

Dispute Codes      MNR, OPR, FF

### Introduction

This hearing dealt with an application by the landlord for an order of possession, a monetary order and an order to retain the security deposit in partial satisfaction of the claim. The landlord participated in the conference call hearing but the tenant(s) did not. The landlord presented evidence that the tenants were served with the application for dispute resolution and notice of hearing by registered mail on October 15, 2014. I found that the tenants had been properly served with notice of the landlord's claim and the date and time of the hearing and the hearing proceeded in their absence. The landlord gave affirmed evidence.

### Issues to be Decided

Is the landlord entitled to an order of possession?

Is the landlord entitled to a monetary order for unpaid rent and loss of income?

### Background and Evidence

The tenancy began on or about August 9, 2012. Rent in the amount of \$1175.00 is payable in advance on the first day of each month. At the outset of the tenancy the landlord collected from the tenant a security deposit in the amount of \$575.00. The tenant failed to pay rent in the month(s) of October and on October 3, 2014 the landlord served the tenant with a notice to end tenancy. The tenant further failed to pay rent in the month(s) of November. The landlord advised that as of today's hearing the amount of unpaid rent is \$375.00. The landlord stated that partial payments were made by the tenants to which they were issued a receipt for "use and occupancy only".

### Analysis

I accept the landlord's undisputed testimony and I find that the tenant was served with a notice to end tenancy for non-payment of rent. The tenant did not pay the outstanding

rent within 5 days of receiving the notice and did not apply for dispute resolution to dispute the notice and is therefore conclusively presumed to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the effective date of the notice. Based on the above facts I find that the landlord is entitled to an order of possession. The tenant must be served with the order of possession. Should the tenant fail to comply with the order, the order may be filed in the Supreme Court of British Columbia and enforced as an order of that Court.

As for the monetary order, I find that the landlord has established a claim for \$375.00 in unpaid rent. The landlord is also entitled to recovery of the \$50.00 filing fee. Although the landlord's application does not seek to retain the deposit, using the offsetting provisions of section 72 of the *Act*, I allow the landlord to retain \$425.00 from the tenant's security deposit in satisfaction of the claim.

### Conclusion

The landlord is granted an order of possession and to retain \$425.00 from the security deposit.

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: November 24, 2014

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