

# **Dispute Resolution Services**

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding MIDDLEGATE DEVELOPMENTS LTD and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

### **DECISION**

<u>Dispute Codes</u> OPR & MNR

#### Introduction

This matter was conducted by way of Direct Request Proceeding, pursuant to section 55(4) of the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the *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.

The Direct Request process is a mechanism that allows the landlord to apply for an expedited decision without a participatory hearing. As a result, the landlord must follow and submit documentation **exactly** as the *Act* prescribes and there can be no omissions or deficiencies within the written submissions that are left open to interpretation or inference.

The landlord submitted a signed Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding which declares that on December 17, 2014 the landlord served a person at the tenants rental unit with the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding in person with a witness.

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

## Background and Evidence

The landlord submitted the following evidentiary material:

- A copy of the Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding for the tenant;
- A copy of a residential tenancy agreement which was signed by the parties on January 19, 2013 for a tenancy beginning February 01, 2013 for the monthly rent of \$1,014.00 due on the last day of the month;
- A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent which was issued on, December 02, 2014 with an effective vacancy date of December 12, 2014 due to \$1,034.00 in unpaid rent;
- A copy of a Monetary Order worksheet which indicates that rent is owed of \$600.00 for July, \$1,034.00 for November and utilities of \$153.66; however, the landlord has only claimed \$1,034.00 on the application for Novembers rent; and
- A copy of a rent increase Notice which increased the rent in February, 2014 by \$20.00 a month to \$1,034.00.

Documentary evidence filed by the landlord indicates that the tenant had failed to pay the full rent owed for the months of July and November and that the tenant was served a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent which was posted on the door of the tenant's rental unit on December 02, 2014 and therefore is deemed served three days later.

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

#### <u>Analysis</u>

I have reviewed all documentary evidence and accept that the tenant has been served with Notice to End Tenancy as declared by the landlord. The Notice is deemed to have been received by the tenant on December 05, 2014 and the effective date of the Notice is amended to December 15, 2014 pursuant to section 53 of the *Act.* I accept the

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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.

Conclusion

I find that the landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession, pursuant to section 55 of

the Act, effective two days after service on the tenant. This Order must be served on

the tenant and may be filed in the Supreme Court and enforced as an Order of that

Court.

I find that the landlord is entitled to monetary compensation, pursuant to section 67 of

the Act, in the amount of \$1,034.00 for rent owed. This Order must be served on the

tenant and may be filed in the Provincial Court (Small Claims) 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: December 29, 2014

Residential Tenancy Branch