

Dispute Resolution Services

Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding Unison Holdings Ltd. and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

DECISION

Dispute Codes OPR, MNR

Introduction

This matter proceeded 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 for unpaid rent.

The landlord submitted a signed Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding which declares that on December 11, 2014, the landlord personally served the tenant with the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding.

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

Issues to be Decided

Is the landlord entitled to an order of possession? Is the landlord entitled to a monetary order for unpaid rent?

Background and Evidence

The landlord submitted the following evidentiary material:

- A copy of the Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding;
- A copy of a residential tenancy agreement which was signed by the parties on April 1, 2014, indicating that the tenant is obligated to pay \$1,020.00 in rent in advance on the first day of the month;
- A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent (the "November Notice") which the landlord served on the tenant on November 3, 2014 for \$770.00 in unpaid rent due in the month of November;
- A copy of the Proof of Service of the November Notice showing that the landlord served the November Notice on the tenant by placing the November Notice in the tenant's mailbox as permitted under section 88(f) of the Act;

- A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent (the "December Notice") which the landlord served on the tenant on December 2, 2014 for \$1,020.00 in unpaid rent due in the month of November; and
- A copy of the Proof of Service of the December Notice showing that the landlord served the December Notice on the tenant by placing the December Notice in the tenant's mailbox as permitted under section 88(f) of the Act;

Section 90 of the Act provides that because the notices were served by leaving a copy in the mailbox, the tenant is deemed to have received the notices 3 days later on November 6, 2014 and December 5, 2014.

Each of the notices restates section 46(4) of the Act which provides that the tenant had five days to pay the rent in full or apply for Dispute Resolution. The tenant did not apply to dispute either of the notices within five days from the date of service and the landlord alleged that the tenant paid just \$750.00 of the rent owed for November and paid none of December's arrears.

<u>Analysis</u>

I find that the tenant received the November Notice on November 6 and the December Notice on December 5. I accept the landlord's undisputed evidence and I find that the tenant did not pay the rental arrears and did not apply to dispute the notices and is therefore conclusively presumed to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the effective date of the November Notice. I grant the landlord an order of possession which must be served on the tenant. Should the tenant fail to comply with the order, it may be filed for enforcement in the Supreme Court.

I accept the evidence before me that the tenant has failed to pay \$270.00 of the rent owed for the month of November and \$1,020.00 in rent for the month of December. I find that the landlord is entitled to recover the rental arrears and I grant the landlord a monetary order for \$1,290.00. This order may be filed in the Small Claims Division of the Provincial Court and enforced as an order of that Court.

Conclusion

I grant the landlord an order of possession and a monetary order for \$1,290.00.

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 17, 2014

Residential Tenancy Branch