

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes: OPR, MNR, MNSD, MNDC, FF

<u>Introduction</u>

This hearing dealt with an application by the landlord pursuant to the *Residential Tenancy Act* for an order of possession and for a monetary order for unpaid rent and the filing fee. The landlord also applied to retain the security deposit in partial satisfaction of the monetary claim.

The notice of hearing was served on the tenant on December 16, 2014 by registered mail. The landlord filed a copy of the tracking slip. Despite having been served the notice of hearing, the tenant did not attend the hearing. The landlord attended the hearing and was given full opportunity to present evidence and make submissions.

Issues to be decided

Is the landlord entitled to an order of possession? Is the landlord entitled to a monetary order to recover unpaid rent, the filing fee and to retain the security deposit?

Background and Evidence

The tenancy started on February 01, 2014. The monthly rent is \$875.00 due on the first of each month. Prior to moving in, the tenant paid a security deposit of \$437.50.

The landlord testified that the tenant was late on rent from the start of tenancy and was served multiple notices to end tenancy for nonpayment of rent. The tenant made payments but did not fully catch up on rent owed. The landlord filed a statement of rent paid which shows that as of November 01, 2014 the tenant owed \$600.00 and also failed to pay rent for December 2014.

On December 04, 2014, the landlord served the tenant with a ten day notice to end tenancy for \$1,475.00 in unpaid rent. The tenant disputed the notice and continued to occupy the rental unit without paying rent. At the time of the hearing the tenant owed the landlord \$1,475.00 in outstanding rent plus \$875.00 for January 2015.

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The landlord is applying for an order of possession effective two days after service on the tenant and a monetary order in the amount of \$2,350.00 for unpaid rent. The landlord is also applying for \$50.00 for the filing fee and to retain the security deposit in partial satisfaction of the claim.

Analysis

Based on the undisputed sworn testimony of the landlord, I accept the landlord's evidence in respect of the claim. The tenant received the notice to end tenancy for unpaid rent, on December 04, 2014 and did not pay rent within five days of receiving the notice to end tenancy.

In these situations, the *Residential Tenancy Act* provides that the tenant has been deemed to have accepted the end of the tenancy on the date set out in the Notice. Pursuant to section 55(2) I am issuing a formal order of possession effective two days after service on the tenant. The Order may be filed in the Supreme Court for enforcement.

I find that the landlord is entitled to \$2,350.00 for unpaid rent. Since the landlord has proven his case, he is also entitled to the recovery of the filing fee of \$50.00. I order that the landlord retain the security of \$437.50.00 in partial satisfaction of the claim and I grant the landlord an order under section 67 of the *Residential Tenancy Act* for the balance due of \$1,962.50. This order may be filed in the Small Claims Court and enforced as an order of that Court.

Conclusion

I grant the landlord an order of possession effective **two days after service** on the tenant and a monetary order in the amount of **\$1,962.50**.

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: January 09, 2015

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