

# **Dispute Resolution Services**

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding WALL FINANCIAL CORPORATION and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

# **DECISION**

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

## **Introduction**

This hearing dealt with an Application for Dispute Resolution by the landlord for an order of possession, for a monetary order for unpaid rent or utilities and to recover the filing fee from the tenants.

The landlord's agent attended the hearing. As the tenants did not attend the hearing, service of the Notice of Dispute Resolution Hearing was considered.

The Residential Tenancy Branch Rules of Procedure states that each respondent must be served with a copy of the Application for Dispute Resolution and Notice of Hearing.

The landlord's agent testified the Application for Dispute Resolution and Notice of Hearing were served, in person on January 24, 2015. The tenants acknowledged receiving the packages by signing the proof of service

I find that the tenants have been duly served in accordance with the Act.

The landlord's agent gave testimony and was provided the opportunity to present their evidence orally and in written and documentary form, and to make submissions at the hearing.

#### Issues to be Decided

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

#### Background and Evidence

Based on the testimony of the landlord's agent, I find that the tenants were served with a notice to end tenancy for non-payment of rent on January 2, 2015, by posting to the door of the rental unit, which was witnessed. The notice informed the tenants that the notice would be cancelled if the rent was paid within five days. The notice also explains the tenants had five days to dispute the notice.

The landlord's agent testified that the tenants did not pay the outstanding rent within five days as required. The agent stated on January 22, 2015, the tenants paid the amount of \$460.00

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which covered the unpaid rent for January 2015, and late fee. The agent stated a receipt for "use and occupancy only" was issued.

The landlord's agent testified on January 31, 2015, the tenants paid the amount of \$400.00 towards February 2015, rent and a receipt was issued for "use and occupancy only". The agent stated that the outstanding rent of \$440.00 owed for February 2015 and the late fee of \$20.00 has not been paid. The landlord seeks a monetary order in the amount of \$460.00.

## **Analysis**

Based on the above, the testimony, and evidence, and on a balance of probabilities, I find as follows:

The tenants have not paid the outstanding rent and did not apply to dispute the Notice and are therefore conclusively presumed under section 46(5) of the Act to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the effective date of the Notice.

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 tenants.

This order may be filed in the Supreme Court and enforced as an order of that Court.

I find that the landlord has established a total monetary claim of **\$510.00** comprised of unpaid rent, the late fee, and the \$50.00 fee paid by the landlord for this application. The landlord is granted a formal order pursuant to section 67 of the Act.

This order may be filed in the Provincial Court (Small Claims) and enforced as an order of that court.

#### Conclusion

The tenants failed to pay rent and did not file to dispute the notice to end tenancy. The tenants are presumed under the law to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the effective date of the notice to end tenancy.

The landlord is granted an order of possession and a monetary order for the above noted amount.

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: February 10, 2015

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