



# Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch  
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

## **DECISION**

Dispute Codes      OPR, MNR

### Introduction

This matter proceeded by way of an *ex parte* 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 based on unpaid rent and a monetary Order.

The landlord submitted a signed Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding which declares that on March 20, 2015, at 11:30 am, the landlord served the tenant with the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding by way of personal service via hand-delivery. The personal service was confirmed as the tenant acknowledged receipt of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding by signing the Proof of Service form. The Proof of Service form also establishes that the service was witnessed by “RL” and a signature for RL is included on the form.

Based on the written submissions of the landlord, and in accordance with section 89 of the *Act*, I find that the tenant has been duly served with the Direct Request Proceeding documents on March 20, 2015.

### Issue(s) to be Decided

Is the landlord entitled to an Order of Possession for unpaid rent pursuant to sections 46 and 55 of the *Act*?

Is the landlord entitled to monetary compensation for unpaid rent pursuant to section 67 of the *Act*?

### Background and Evidence

The landlord submitted the following evidentiary material:

- A copy of the Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding served to the tenant;

- A copy of a residential tenancy agreement which was signed by the landlord and the tenant on July 11, 2013, indicating a monthly rent of \$600.00 due on the first day of the month for a tenancy commencing on August 1, 2013;
- A Monetary Order Worksheet showing the rent owing and paid during the portion of this tenancy in question, on which the landlord establishes a monetary claim in the amount of \$40.00 for outstanding rent owing for March 2015. The landlord indicates that monthly rent owed for March 2015 was \$600.00, with a partial payment of \$560.00 received from the tenant, resulting in a balance of \$40.00 owed for March 2015;
- A copy of a receipt dated March 10, 2015, which demonstrates that the tenant provided a partial payment of \$500.00, and a copy of a receipt dated March 14, 2015 which demonstrates that the tenant provided a partial payment of \$60.00.
- A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent (the Notice) dated March 7, 2015, which the landlord states was served to the tenant on March 7, 2015, for \$600.00 in unpaid rent due on March 1, 2015, with a stated effective vacancy date of March 17, 2015; and
- A copy of the Proof of Service of the Notice showing that the landlord served the Notice to the tenant by way of personal service via hand-delivery at 2:00 pm on March 7, 2015. The personal service was confirmed as the tenant acknowledged receipt of the Notice by signing the Proof of Service form. The Proof of Service form establishes that the service was witnessed by "RL" and a signature for RL is included on the form.

The Notice 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 or the tenancy would end on the effective date of the Notice. The tenant did not apply to dispute the Notice within five days from the date of service and the landlord alleged that the tenant did not pay the rental arrears.

### Analysis

I have reviewed all documentary evidence and find that in accordance with section 88 of the *Act* the tenant was duly served with the Notice on March 7, 2015.

I find that the tenant was obligated to pay monthly rent in the amount of \$600.00, as established in the tenancy agreement. I accept the evidence before me that the tenant has failed to pay \$400.00 in rent for the month of March 2015. I find that the tenant received the Notice on March 7, 2015. I accept the landlord's undisputed evidence and find that the tenant did not pay the rent owed in full within the 5 days granted under section 46 (4) of the *Act* and did not apply to dispute the Notice within that 5-day period.

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, March 17, 2015.

Therefore, I find that the landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession and a monetary Order of \$40.00 for unpaid rent owing for March 2015, as of March 20, 2015.

### Conclusion

I grant an Order of Possession to the landlord effective **two days after service of this Order** on the tenant. Should the tenant(s) fail to comply with this Order, this Order may be filed and enforced as an Order of the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

Pursuant to section 67 of the *Act*, I find that the landlord is entitled to a monetary Order in the amount of \$40.00 for unpaid rent owing for March 2015, as of March 20, 2015. The landlord is provided with these Orders in the above terms and the tenant must be served with **this Order** as soon as possible. Should the tenant fail to comply with these Orders, these Orders may be filed in the Small Claims Division of the Provincial Court and enforced as Orders 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: March 26, 2015

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