



Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

aA matter regarding RIVERSIDE GARDENS
and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

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 two signed Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding forms which declare that on March 27, 2015, the landlord’s agent “WW” served the above-named tenants with the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding via registered mail. The landlord provided two copies of the Canada Post Customer Receipts containing the Tracking Numbers to confirm these mailings. Section 90 of the *Act* determines that a document served in this manner is deemed to have been received 5 days after service.

Based on the written submissions of the landlord, and in accordance with sections 89 and 90 of the *Act*, I find that the tenants have been deemed served with the Direct Request Proceeding documents on April 1, 2015, the fifth day after their registered mailing.

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:

- Two copies of the Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding served to the tenants;

- A copy of a residential tenancy agreement which was signed by the original landlord's agent and the tenants on March 9, 2013, indicating a monthly rent of \$975.00 due on the first day of the month for a tenancy commencing on April 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 \$1,730.00 for outstanding rent owing for February 2015 and March 2015. The landlord indicates that monthly rent owed for February 2015 was \$995.00 and a partial payment of \$260.00 was received, resulting in a balance of rent owing in the amount of \$735.00 for February 2015. There is unpaid rent owing in the amount of \$995.00 for March 2015;
- The current landlord established the manner in which rent was raised from the initial \$975.00 stated in the tenancy agreement to the current amount of \$995.00 by providing a copy of a "Notice of Rent Increase" form, dated May 26, 2014, provided to the tenant during the course of the tenancy;
- A letter dated March 27, 2015 from the current landlord indicating that the complex in which the rental unit is located is no longer managed by the former landlord indicated on the tenancy agreement;
- A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent (the Notice) dated March 10, 2015, which the landlord states was served to the tenants on March 10, 2015, for \$1,730.00 in unpaid rent due on March 1, 2015, with a stated effective vacancy date of March 20, 2015; and
- A copy of the Proof of Service of the Notice showing that the landlord's agent "KK" served the Notice to the tenants by way of personal service via hand-delivery to the tenant "CP" on March 10, 2015. The Proof of Service form establishes that the service was witnessed by "WW" and a signature for WW is included on the form.

The Notice restates section 46(4) of the *Act* which provides that the tenants 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 tenants did not apply to dispute the Notice within five days from the date of service and the landlord alleged that the tenants 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 tenants were duly served with the Notice on March 10, 2015.

I find that the tenants were obligated to pay monthly rent in the amount of \$995.00, as the landlord has established that the monthly rent amount was raised in an appropriate manner from the initial amount of \$975.00, as established in the tenancy agreement, to the current amount of \$995.00. I accept the evidence before me that the tenants have failed to pay outstanding rental arrears in the amount of \$1,730.00, comprised of the balance of rent owed for the months of February 2015 and March 2015. I find that the tenants received the Notice on March 10, 2015. I accept the landlord's undisputed evidence and find that the tenants 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 tenants are conclusively presumed under section 46(5) of the *Act* to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the effective date of the Notice, March 20, 2015.

Therefore, I find that the landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession and a monetary Order of \$1,730.00 for unpaid rent owing for February 2015 and March 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 \$1,730.00 for unpaid rent owing for February 2015 and March 2015. The landlord is provided with these Orders in the above terms and the tenant(s) must be served with **this Order** as soon as possible. Should the tenant(s) 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: April 07, 2015

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