



# 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 two signed Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding forms which declare that on April 22, 2015, the landlord 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 27, 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 tenants on September 7, 2014, indicating a monthly rent of \$1,250.00 due on the first day of the month for a tenancy commencing on October 1, 2014. The landlord has not signed the tenancy agreement. A tenancy agreement is an instrument of the landlord, and, once endorsed by the tenants, the landlord's failure to sign his own agreement does not invalidate it;
- A Monetary Order Worksheet showing the rent owing during the portion of this tenancy in question, on which the landlord establishes a monetary claim in the amount of \$1,250.00 for outstanding rent owing for April 2015;
- A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent (the Notice) dated April 13, 2015, which the landlord states was served to the tenants on April 13, 2015, for \$1,250.00 in unpaid rent due on April 1, 2015, with a stated effective vacancy date of April 23, 2015; and
- A copy of the Proof of Service of the Notice showing that the landlord served the Notice to the tenants by way of posting it to the door of the rental unit at 6:45 pm on April 13, 2015. The Proof of Service establishes that the service was witnessed by "NB" and a signature for NB is included on the form. The landlord has also indicated that the Notice was served by registered mail and has provided a copy of the Canada Post Customer Receipt containing the Tracking Number to confirm this mailing. The landlord has also provided a copy of a tracking history from the Canada Post website which demonstrates that the Notice was sent via registered mail on April 15, 2015 and received by the tenants on April 16, 2015.

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 provided by the landlord. Section 90 of the Act provides that because the Notice was served by posting the Notice to the door of the rental unit, the tenants are deemed to have received the Notice three days after its posting. In accordance with sections 88 and 90 of the Act, I find that the tenants are deemed to have received the Notice on April 16, 2015, three days after its posting. I also find that the Canada Post tracking history provided by the landlord demonstrates that the tenants received, and signed-for, the registered mail item containing the Notice on April 16, 2015.

I find that the tenants were obligated to pay monthly rent in the amount of \$1,250.00, as established in the tenancy agreement. I accept the evidence before me that the tenants

have failed to pay outstanding rental arrears in the amount of \$1,250.00 in rent for the month of April 2015. I find that the tenants received the Notice on April 16, 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 corrected effective date of the Notice, April 26, 2015.

Therefore, I find that the landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession and a monetary Order of \$1,250.00 for unpaid rent owing for April 2015, as of April 22, 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 \$1,250.00 for unpaid rent owing for April 2015, as of April 22, 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 28, 2015

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