

# **Dispute Resolution Services**

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

## **DECISION**

Dispute Codes OPR, MNR, MDSD & FF

## <u>Introduction</u>

A hearing was conducted by conference call in the presence of both parties. On the basis of the solemnly affirmed evidence presented at that hearing, a decision has been reached. All of the evidence was carefully considered.

Both parties were given a full opportunity to present evidence and make submissions. Neither party requested an adjournment or a Summons to Testify. Prior to concluding the hearing both parties acknowledged they had presented all of the relevant evidence that they wished to present.

I find that the 10 day Notice to End Tenancy was personally served on the Tenant on March 8, 2015. Further I find that the Application for Dispute Resolution/Notice of Hearing filed by the landlord was personally served the tenant on March 16, 2015. I find that the Application for Dispute Resolution/Notice of Hearing filed by the tenant was personally served on the landlord on March 11, 2015. With respect to each of the applicant's claims I find as follows:

#### Issue(s) to be Decided

The issues to be decided are as follows:

- a. Whether the tenants are entitled to an order cancelling the 10 day Notice to End Tenancy dated March 8, 2015?
- b. Whether the landlord is entitled to an Order for Possession?
- c. Whether the landlord is entitled to A Monetary Order and if so how much?

- d. Whether the landlord is entitled to retain all or a portion of the security deposit/pet deposit?
- e. Whether the landlord is entitled to recover the cost of the filing fee?

## Background and Evidence

The parties entered into a written tenancy agreement that provided that the tenancy would start on November 1, 2014 and continue on a month to month basis. The rent is \$1100 per month payable in advance on the first day of each month. The tenant paid a security deposit of \$550 at the start of the tenancy.

The tenant(s) failed to pay the rent for the months of March and April and the sum of \$2200 remains owing. The tenants continue to live in the rental unit. She stated they have found alternative accommodation and can leave on April 25, 2015.

## Tenant's Application:

I ordered that the tenant's application to cancel the 10 day Notice be dismissed. There is no basis for cancelling the Notice.

#### Landlord's Application - Order of Possession:

I determined the landlord was entitled to an Order for Possession. There is outstanding rent. The Tenant(s) have not made an application to set aside the Notice to End Tenancy and the time to do so has expired. In such situations the Residential Tenancy Act provides the tenant is conclusively presumed to have accepted that the tenancy ends on the effective date of the notice, and must vacate the rental unit by that date. Accordingly, I granted the landlord an Order for Possession effective April 25, 2015.

The tenant must be served with this Order as soon as possible. Should the tenant fail to comply with this Order, the landlord may register the Order with the Supreme Court of British Columbia for enforcement.

# Analysis - Monetary Order and Cost of Filing fee

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I determined the tenant has failed to pay the rent for the month(s) of March and April

and the sum of \$2200 remains owing. I determined the landlord has given sufficient

notice of their intention to claim for all of last month as provided in the Application for

Dispute Resolution. I granted the landlord a monetary order in the sum of \$2200 plus

the sum of \$50 in respect of the filing fee for a total of \$2250.

Security Deposit

I determined the security deposit plus interest totals the sum of \$550. I ordered

the landlord may retain this sum thus reducing the amount outstanding under

this monetary order to the sum of \$1700.

It is further Ordered that this sum be paid forthwith. The applicant is given a formal

Order in the above terms and the respondent must be served with a copy of this Order

as soon as possible.

Should the respondent fail to comply with this Order, the Order may be filed in the Small

Claims division of the Provincial Court and enforced as an Order of that Court.

The tenant represented that she would make a part payment of \$1000 on April 22,

2015.

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 16, 2015

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