

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding KnightWatch Housing Ltd and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

DECISION

Dispute Codes OPR, MNR, MNSD, FF

<u>Introduction</u>

This hearing dealt with the tenant's Application for Dispute Resolution seeking to cancel a notice to end tenancy.

The hearing was conducted via teleconference and was attended by the landlord; the tenant and his witness.

While the landlord had originally filed his Application for Dispute Resolution naming two respondents, I note the tenancy agreement was only signed by the male tenant. As such, I find the male tenant was the only party named in the tenancy and the landlord cannot only pursue his claim against the male tenant. I therefore amend the landlord's Application to name only the male tenant.

Issue(s) to be Decided

The issues to be decided are whether the landlord is entitled to an order of possession for unpaid rent; to a monetary order for unpaid rent; for all or part of the security deposit and to recover the filing fee from the tenant for the cost of the Application for Dispute Resolution, pursuant to Sections 38, 46, 55, 67, and 72 of the Residential Tenancy Act (Act).

Background and Evidence

The parties agreed the tenancy began as a 3 year fixed term tenancy in January 2010 that converted to a month to month tenancy on January 1, 2013 for the monthly rent of \$1,350.00 due on the 1st of each month and a security deposit of \$675.00 was paid.

The landlord submitted into evidence a copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent that was issued on February 15, 2015 with an effective vacancy date of February 28, 2015 due to \$3,020.00 in unpaid rent.

The parties agree the tenant failed to pay the full rent owed for the months of December 2014, January, and February 2015 and that the tenants were served the 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent by posting it to the rental unit door on February 15, 2015.

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The Notice states the tenants had five days to pay the rent or apply for Dispute Resolution or the tenancy would end. The tenants did not pay the rent in full or apply to dispute the Notice to End Tenancy within five days. The parties also agree the tenants have also failed to pay rent for the months of March, April, and May 2015.

<u>Analysis</u>

I have reviewed all documentary evidence and accept that the tenants have been served with notice to end tenancy as declared by the landlord. The notice is deemed to have been received by the tenants on February 18, 2015 and the effective date of the notice was February 28, 2015. I accept the evidence before me that the tenants failed to pay the rent owed in full within the 5 days granted under Section 46(4) of the *Act*.

Based on the foregoing, I find 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.

Conclusion

I find the landlord is entitled to an order of possession effective **two days after service on the tenants**. This order must be served on the tenants. If the tenants fail to comply with this order the landlord may file the order with the Supreme Court of British Columbia and be enforced as an order of that Court.

I find the landlord is entitled to monetary compensation pursuant to Section 67 in the amount of **\$7,120.00** comprised of \$7,070.00 rent owed and the \$50.00 fee paid by the landlord for this application.

I order the landlord may deduct the security deposit and interest held in the amount of \$675.00 in partial satisfaction of this claim. I grant a monetary order in the amount of **\$6,445.00**. This order must be served on the tenants. If the tenants fail to comply with this order the landlord may file the order in the Provincial Court (Small Claims) and be enforced as an order 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: May 08, 2015

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