

# **Dispute Resolution Services**

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

## **DECISION**

<u>Dispute Codes</u> OPC, 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 one month Notice to End Tenancy was sufficiently served on the Tenants by posting on March 25, 2015. I find that the 10 day Notice to End Tenancy was sufficiently served on the Tenants by posting on May 14, 2015. Further I find that the Application for Dispute Resolution/Notice of Hearing and the Amended Application for Dispute Resolution was sufficiently served on the Tenants as both attended the hearing. 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 landlord is entitled to an Order for Possession?
- b. Whether the landlord is entitled to A Monetary Order and if so how much?
- c. Whether the landlord is entitled to retain all or a portion of the security deposit/pet deposit?
- d. Whether the landlord is entitled to recover the cost of the filing fee?

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# Background and Evidence

The parties entered into a tenancy agreement that provided that the tenancy would start on August 1, 2014. The rent is \$800 per month payable on the first day of each month. The tenant paid a security deposit of \$400 shortly after the start of the tenancy. The tenant(s) failed to pay the rent for the months of May 2015 (\$300 is owed), June 2015 (\$800 is owed) and July 2015 (\$800 is owed) and the sum of \$1900 remains owing. In addition the tenants owed utilities in the sum of \$349.39. The tenant(s) have remained in the rental unit.

# <u>Analysis - Order of Possession:</u>

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. The parties agreed that I should set the effective date of the Order for Possession for July 31, 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:

I determined the tenant has failed to pay the rent for the month(s) of months of May 2015 (\$300 is owed), June 2015 (\$800 is owed) and July 2015 (\$800 is owed) and the sum of \$1900 remains owing. In addition the tenants owed utilities in the sum of \$349.39. 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 \$2249.39 plus the sum of \$50 in respect of the filing fee for a total of \$2299.39.

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Security Deposit:

I determined the security deposit plus interest totals the sum of \$400. I ordered

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

this monetary order to the sum of \$1899.39.

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.

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: July 07, 2015

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