



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 Proceedings which declares that on September 13, 2015, the landlord sent the tenants the Notices of Direct Request Proceeding by registered mail to the rental unit. The landlord provided copies of the Canada Post Customer Receipts containing the Tracking Numbers to confirm these mailings. Based on the written submissions of the landlord and in accordance with sections 89 and 90 of the *Act*, I find that the tenants will be deemed served with the Direct Request Proceeding documents on September 18, 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 Proceedings served to the tenants;

- A copy of a residential tenancy agreement which was signed by the landlord and the tenants on June 24, 2015, indicating a monthly rent of \$850.00, due on the first day of the month for a tenancy commencing on May 01, 2015;
- A Monetary Order Worksheet showing the rent owing and paid during this tenancy; and
- A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent (the 10 Day Notice) dated September 02, 2015, and posted to the tenants' door on September 02, 2015, with a stated effective vacancy date of September 10, 2015, for \$850.00 in unpaid rent.

Witnessed documentary evidence filed by the landlord indicates that the 10 Day Notice was posted to the tenants' door at 5:00 p.m. on September 02, 2015. The 10 Day Notice states that the tenants had five days from the date of service to pay the rent in full or apply for Dispute Resolution or the tenancy would end.

Analysis

Section 52 of the *Act* provides the following requirements regarding the form and content of notices to end tenancy:

52 *In order to be effective, a notice to end a tenancy must be in writing and must*

(a) be signed and dated by the landlord or tenant giving the notice,

*(b) **give the address of the rental unit,***

(c) state the effective date of the notice,...and

(e) when given by a landlord, be in the approved form...

I have reviewed all documentary evidence and I find that the address from which the tenants must move out of is not indicated on the 10 Day Notice, therefore, making the 10 Day Notice incomplete.

In a participatory hearing it may be possible to amend an incorrect address but the *Act* does not allow an arbitrator to input an address where none is written in. I find that the landlord has not complied with the provisions of section 52 of the *Act* in regards to the 10 Day Notice.

Therefore, I dismiss the landlord's application to end this tenancy and obtain an Order of Possession on the basis of the 10 Day Notice of September 02, 2015, without leave to reapply. The 10 Day Notice of September 02, 2015 is cancelled and of no force or effect.

For the same reasons identified in the 10 Day Notice, I dismiss the landlord's application for a monetary Order with leave to reapply.

Conclusion

The landlord's application for an Order of Possession on the basis of the 10 Day Notice of September 02, 2015 is dismissed, without leave to reapply.

The 10 Day Notice of September 02, 2015 is cancelled and of no force or effect.

This tenancy continues until it is ended in accordance with the *Act*.

I dismiss the landlord's application for a monetary Order with leave to reapply.

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: September 17, 2015

Residential Tenancy Branch

