

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

<u>Dispute Codes</u> OPR, MNR

<u>Introduction</u>

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 a signed Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding which declares that on January 14, 2016, the landlord personally served the tenant the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding. The landlord had a witness sign the Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding to confirm personal service. Based on the written submission of the landlord and in accordance with section 89, I find that the tenant has been duly served with the Direct Request Proceeding documents on January 14, 2016, the day it was personally served to them.

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:

- A copy of the Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding served to the tenant;
- A copy of a residential tenancy agreement which was signed by the landlord and the tenant on September 12, 2013, indicating a monthly rent of \$1,190.00 due on the first day of the month for a tenancy commencing on October 01, 2013;

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 Two copies of Notice of Rent Increase forms showing the rent being increased from \$1,190.00 to the current monthly rent amount of \$1,245.00;

- 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 January 03, 2015, and posted to the tenant's door on January 03, 2016, with a stated effective vacancy date of January 16, 2015, for \$1,245.00 in unpaid rent.

Witnessed documentary evidence filed by the landlord indicates that the 10 Day Notice was posted to the tenant's door at 3:00 p.m. on January 03, 2016. The 10 Day Notice states that the tenant had five days from the date of service to pay the rent in full or apply for Dispute Resolution or the tenancy would end.

<u>Analysis</u>

Section 68 of the *Act* allows for the 10 Day Notice to be amended when it is reasonable to do so. I find that the rent due date, vacancy date and the issue date on the 10 Day Notice are all for the past year of 2015, although the witnessed Proof of Service Notice to End Tenancy clearly shows that the 10 Day Notice was served in 2016. For this reason, I have amended all dates on the 10 Day Notice to reflect the current year of 2016.

I have reviewed all documentary evidence and in accordance with sections 88 and 90 of the *Act*, I find that the tenant was deemed served with the 10 Day Notice on January 06, 2016, three days after its posting.

I find that the tenant was obligated to pay the monthly rent in the amount of \$1,245.00, as per the tenancy agreement and the Notice of Rent Increase forms.

I accept the evidence before me that the tenant has failed to pay the rent owed in full within the 5 days granted under section 46(4) of the *Act* and did not dispute the 10 Day Notice within that 5 day period.

Based on the foregoing, I find that the tenant is conclusively presumed under section 46(5) of the *Act* to have accepted that the tenancy will end on the effective date of the 10 Day Notice, January 16, 2016.

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Therefore, I find that the landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession and a Monetary Order in the amount of \$1,245.00, the amount claimed by the landlord, for unpaid rent owing for January 2016 as of January 12, 2016.

Conclusion

I grant an Order of Possession to the landlord effective on **January 16, 2016**, **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 \$1,245.00 for rent owed for January 2016. The landlord is provided with this Order in the above terms and the tenant must be served with **this Order** as soon as possible. Should the tenant fail to comply with this Order, this 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: January 15, 2016

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