



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 Proceeding forms which declare that on April 29, 2016, at 7:00 PM, the landlord served each of the above-named tenants with the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding by way of personal service via hand-delivery. The Proof of Service form establishes that the service was witnessed by “LV” and a signature for “LV” is included on the forms. The personal service was confirmed as the tenants acknowledged receipt of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding documents by providing their respective signatures on the Proof of Service forms.

Based on the written submissions of the landlord, and in accordance with section 89 of the *Act*, I find that the tenants have been duly served with the Direct Request Proceeding documents on April 29, 2016.

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 Proceeding served to the tenants;

- A copy of a “Landlord Application for Dispute Resolution” form on which the landlord establishes a monetary claim in the amount of \$1,206.00. The landlord indicates that the tenants have not provided payment of the monthly rent owed for April 2016;
- A copy of a residential tenancy agreement which was signed by the landlord on March 16, 2016 and signed by the tenants on March 08, 2016, indicating a monthly rent of \$1,150.00 due on the first day of the month for a tenancy commencing on March 01, 2016;
- A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent (the Notice) dated April 16, 2016, which the landlord states was served to the tenants on April 16, 2016, for \$1,150.00 in unpaid rent due on April 01, 2016, with a stated effective vacancy date of April 18, 2016; and
- A copy of the Proof of Service of the Notice showing that the landlord served the Notice to the tenants by way of posting it to the door of the rental unit at 2:00 PM on April 16, 2016. The Proof of Service establishes that the service was witnessed by “BW” and a signature for “BW” is included on the form.

The Notice restates section 46(4) of the Act which provides that the tenants had five days to pay the rent in full or apply for Dispute Resolution or the tenancy would end on the effective date of the Notice. The tenants did not apply to dispute the Notice within five days from the date of service and the landlord alleged that the tenants did not pay the rental arrears.

Analysis

I have reviewed all documentary evidence provided by the landlord. Section 90 of the Act provides that because the Notice was served by posting the Notice to the door of the rental unit, the tenants are deemed to have received the Notice three days after its posting. In accordance with sections 88 and 90 of the Act, I find that the tenants are deemed to have received the Notice on April 19, 2016, three days after its posting.

I find that the tenants were obligated to pay monthly rent in the amount of \$1,150.00, as established in the tenancy agreement. I accept the evidence before me that the tenants have failed to pay outstanding rental arrears in the amount of \$1,150.00, comprised of the balance of unpaid rent due by April 01, 2016, as indicated on the April 16, 2016 Notice issued to the tenants for unpaid rent. I find that the tenants received the Notice on April 19, 2016. I accept the landlord's undisputed evidence and find that the tenants did not pay the rent owed in full within the five days granted under section 46 (4) of the Act and did not apply to dispute the Notice within that five-day period.

Based on the foregoing, I find that the tenants are conclusively presumed under section 46(5) of the Act to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the corrected effective date of the Notice, April 29, 2016.

Therefore, I find that the landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession and a monetary Order of \$1,150.00 for unpaid rent owing as of April 01, 2016.

Conclusion

I grant an Order of Possession to the landlord effective **two days after service of this Order** on the tenant(s). 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 \$1,150.00 for unpaid rent. The landlord is provided with these Orders in the above terms and the tenant(s) must be served with **this Order** as soon as possible. Should the tenant(s) fail to comply with these Orders, these Orders may be filed in the Small Claims Division of the Provincial Court and enforced as Orders 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 02, 2016

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