

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

<u>Dispute codes</u> OPB

<u>Introduction</u>

This hearing dealt with the landlord's application pursuant to the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the "Act") for:

• an order of possession for breach of an agreement pursuant to section 55;

The hearing was conducted by conference call. The tenant did not attend this hearing, although I waited until 11:15 a.m. in order to enable the tenant to connect with this teleconference hearing scheduled for 11:00 a.m. The landlord attended the hearing and was given a full opportunity to be heard, to present evidence and to make submissions.

The landlord testified that on June 24, 2016 he sent a copy of the Application for Dispute Resolution and Notice of Hearing to the tenant by registered mail. The landlord provided a registered mail tracking number in support of service.

Based on the above evidence, I am satisfied that the tenant was deemed served with the Application for Dispute Resolution and Notice of Dispute Resolution Hearing pursuant to sections 89 & 90 of the Act. The hearing proceeded in the absence of the tenant.

<u>Issues</u>

Is the landlord entitled to an order of possession for breach of an agreement?

Background and Evidence

The tenancy began on September 1, 2015 with a monthly rent of \$810.00 payable on the 1st day of each month. A written tenancy agreement was signed and provided on file. The tenancy is between the landlord and Progressive Housing Society. Progressive Housing Society sublets the rental unit. The tenant paid a security deposit of \$400.00 at the start of the tenancy.

The landlord testified that on May 28, 2016 the parties entered into a mutual agreement to end the tenancy effective July 1, 2016. A signed Mutual Agreement to End Tenancy form was provided with the application.

<u>Analysis</u>

Pursuant to section 44(c) of the Act, a tenancy ends if the landlord and tenant agree in writing to end the tenancy. Pursuant to section 55(2)(d) of the Act, a landlord may request an order of possession of a rental unit if the landlord and tenant have agreed in writing that the tenancy has ended.

The tenant and landlord agreed in writing that the tenancy would end on July 1, 2016. The landlord was entitled to possession of the rental unit effective this date.

The landlord is granted an Order of Possession pursuant to section 55 of the Act.

As the landlord was successful in this application, I find that the landlord is entitled to recover the \$100.00 filing fee paid for this application.

The landlord continues to hold a security deposit of \$400.00. I allow the landlord to retain \$100.00 from the security deposit in full satisfaction of the monetary award pursuant to section 38 of the Act.

Conclusion

I grant an Order of Possession to the landlord effective **two days 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.

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*.

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