

# **Dispute Resolution Services**

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Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

## DECISION

Dispute Codes OPR

### 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.

The landlord submitted two signed Proofs of Service of the Notices of Direct Request Proceeding which declare that on August 23, 2016, the landlord posted the Notices of Direct Request Proceeding to the door of the rental unit. The landlord had a witness sign the Proofs of Service of the Notices of Direct Request Proceeding to confirm this service. Based on the written submissions of the landlord and in accordance with sections 89 and 90 of the *Act*, I find that the tenants have been deemed served with the Direct Request Proceeding documents on August 26, 2016, the third day after their posting.

### 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*?

### Background and Evidence

The landlord submitted the following evidentiary material:

- A copy of the Proofs of Service of the Notices of Direct Request Proceeding served to the tenants;
- A copy of a residential tenancy agreement which was signed by the landlord and the tenants on December 18, 2015, indicating a monthly rent of \$650.00, due on the first day of the month for a tenancy commencing on December 18, 2015;
- A Monetary Order Worksheet showing the rent owing and paid during the relevant portion of this tenancy; and
- A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent (the 10 Day Notice) dated August 11, 2016, and personally served to the tenants on August 11, 2016, with a stated effective vacancy date of August 11, 2016, for \$650.00 in unpaid rent.

Witnessed documentary evidence filed by the landlord indicates that the 10 Day Notice was personally served to the tenants at 7:00 pm on August 11, 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>

I have reviewed all documentary evidence and in accordance with section 88 of the *Act,* I find that the tenants were duly served with the 10 Day Notice on August 11, 2016.

I note that the 10 Day Notice provided by the landlord only names Tenant J.O. and does not include Tenant D.C. Therefore, the portion of the landlord's application naming Tenant D.C. is dismissed with leave to reapply.

However, I find that Tenant J.O. was obligated to pay the monthly rent in the amount of \$650.00, as per the tenancy agreement.

I accept the evidence before me that Tenant J.O. 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 Tenant J.O. is conclusively presumed under section 46(5) of the *Act* to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the corrected effective date of the 10 Day Notice, August 21, 2016.

Therefore, I find that the landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession for unpaid rent owing for August 2016 as of August 17, 2016.

#### **Conclusion**

I grant an Order of Possession to the landlord effective **two days after service of this Order** on Tenant J.O. Should Tenant J.O. 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*.

Dated: August 26, 2016

Residential Tenancy Branch