

# **Dispute Resolution Services**

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding First United Church Social Housing Society and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

## **DECISION**

<u>Dispute Codes</u> OPR

### <u>Introduction</u>

This hearing dealt with the landlord's Application for Dispute Resolution seeking an order of possession.

The hearing was conducted via teleconference and was attended by the landlord's agent.

The landlord testified the tenant was served with the notice of hearing documents and this Application for Dispute Resolution, pursuant to Section 59(3) of the *Residential Tenancy Act (Act)* by posting it on the rental unit door on August 4, 2016 in accordance with Section 89 and that this service was witnessed by a third party. Section 90 of the *Act* deems documents served in such a manner to be received on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day after they have been posted on the door.

Based on the testimony of the landlord, I find that the tenant has been sufficiently served with the documents pursuant to the *Act*.

#### Issue(s) to be Decided

The issues to be decided are whether the landlord is 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 documentary evidence:

- A copy of a residential tenancy agreement which was signed by the parties on July 29, 2010 for a month to month tenancy beginning on August 1, 2010 for the monthly rent of \$588.00 due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month and a security deposit of \$400.00 was paid; and
- A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent that was issued on July 20, 2016 with an effective vacancy date of August 2, 2016 due to \$1,100.00 in unpaid rent.

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Documentary evidence filed by the landlord indicates the tenant failed to pay the full rent owed prior to and including amounts due by July 1, 2016 and that the tenant was served the 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent by posting it to the rental unit door on July 20, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. and that this service was witnessed by a third party.

The Notice states the tenant had five days to pay the rent or apply for Dispute Resolution or the tenancy would end. The tenant did not pay the rent in full or apply to dispute the Notice to End Tenancy within five days. The landlord does acknowledge receipt of two payments from the tenant totaling \$487.00 for use and occupancy only.

#### <u>Analysis</u>

I have reviewed all documentary evidence and accept that the tenant has been served with notice to end tenancy as declared by the landlord. The notice is deemed to have been received by the tenant on July 23, 2016 and the effective date of the notice was August 3, 2016. I accept the evidence before me that the tenant failed to pay the rent owed in full within the 5 days granted under Section 46(4) of the *Act*.

Based on the foregoing, I find the tenant is conclusively presumed under Section 46(5) of the *Act* to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the effective date of the Notice.

### Conclusion

I find the landlord is entitled to an order of possession effective **two days after service on the tenant**. This order must be served on the tenant. If the tenant fails to comply with this order the landlord may file the order with the Supreme Court of British Columbia and be 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: September 22, 2016

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