

# **Dispute Resolution Services**

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

## **DECISION**

Dispute codes OPL

## <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 landlord's use of property 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 July 29, 2016, a copy of the Application for Dispute Resolution and Notice of Hearing was sent to the tenant by registered mail. A registered mail tracking number was provided in support of service.

Based on the above evidence, I am satisfied that the tenant was 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 landlord's use of property?

#### Background and Evidence

The tenancy began on November 1, 2014 with a monthly rent of \$1800.00 payable on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of each month. The tenant paid a security deposit and pet deposit totalling \$1800.00 at the start of the tenancy which the landlord continues to hold.

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The landlord testified that on June 23, 2016 the 2 Month Notice to End Tenancy for Landlord's Use of Property was sent to the tenant by registered mail. A registered mail tracking number was provided in support of service.

<u>Analysis</u>

I am satisfied that the tenant was deemed served with the 2 Month Notice to End Tenancy for Landlord's Use of Property on June 28, 2016, five days after its mailing, pursuant to sections 88 & 90 of the Act.

Pursuant to section 49 of the *Act*, the tenant may make a dispute application within fifteen days of receiving the 2 Month Notice. If, as in the present case, the tenant does not make an application for dispute with fifteen days, the tenant is conclusively presumed to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the effective date of the Notice, August 31, 2016.

Therefore, I find that the landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession pursuant to section 55 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 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: September 19, 2016

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