

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding BEULAH GARDEN HOMES SOCIETY and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

DECISION

<u>Dispute Codes</u> CNR

<u>Introduction</u>

This hearing was convened in response to applications by the tenant pursuant to the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the "Act") for Orders as follows:

 cancellation of the landlords'10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent or Utilities (10 Day Notice) pursuant to section 46 of the Act.

<u>Analysis</u>

While the Respondent attended the hearing by way of conference call, the Applicant did not, although I waited until 1:45 P.M. in order to enable the Applicant to connect with this teleconference hearing scheduled for 1:30 P.M. The Respondent attended the hearing and was given a full opportunity to be heard, to present sworn testimony, to make submissions and to call witnesses.

Rule 10.1 of the Rules of Procedure provides as follows:

10.1 Commencement of the hearing The hearing must commence at the scheduled time unless otherwise decided by the arbitrator. The arbitrator may conduct the hearing in the absence of a party and may make a decision or dismiss the application, with or without leave to re-apply.

<u>Analysis</u>

Section 55(1) of the *Act* reads as follows:

- (1) If a tenant makes an application for dispute resolution to dispute a landlord's notice to end a tenancy, the director must grant an order of possession of the rental unit to the landlord if, at the time scheduled for the hearing,
 - (a) the landlord's notice to end tenancy complies with section 52{form and content of notice to end tenancy}, and

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(b) the director, during the dispute resolution proceeding, dismisses the tenant's application or upholds the landlord's notice.

Based on the 10 Day Notice entered as written evidence and the landlords' sworn testimony, I find that the landlords' 10 Day Notice complies with section 52 of the *Act*. The tenant's failure to attend this hearing and present evidence relating to his application leads me to order that his application to cancel the 10 Day Notice is dismissed without liberty to reapply.

Based on my decision to dismiss the tenant's application for dispute resolution and my finding that the landlord's 10 Day Notice complies with section 52 of the *Act*, I find that this tenancy ended on the effective date of the 10 Day Notice, January 14, 2017, and the landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession.

Conclusion

The landlord is provided with a formal copy of an Order of Possession effective 2 days after service. Should the tenant fail to comply with this Order, this Order may be 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: January 31, 2017

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