

Dispute Resolution Services

Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes CNC, FF

Introduction

The Application for Dispute Resolution filed by the Tenant seeks the following:

- a. An order to cancel the one month Notice to End Tenancy dated December 31, 2016
- b. An order to recover the cost of the filing fee.

A hearing was conducted by conference call in the presence of both parties. On the basis of the solemnly affirmed evidence presented at that hearing, a decision has been reached. All of the evidence was carefully considered.

Both parties were given a full opportunity to present evidence and make submissions. Neither party requested an adjournment or a Summons to Testify. Prior to concluding the hearing both parties acknowledged they had presented all of the relevant evidence that they wished to present.

I find that the Notice to End Tenancy was served on the Tenants by posting on December 31, 2016. Further I find that the Application for Dispute Resolution/Notice of Hearing was served on the landlord by mailing, by registered mail to where the landlord resides on January 5, 2017. With respect to each of the applicant's claims I find as follows:

Issue(s) to be Decided

The issues to be decided are as follows:

- a. Whether the tenant is entitled to an order cancelling the Notice to End Tenancy dated December 31, 2016?
- b. Whether the tenant is entitled to recover the cost of the filing fee?

Background and Evidence

The tenancy began on April 1, 2010. The present rent is \$1013 per month payable in advance on the first day of each month. The tenant(s) paid a security deposit of \$475 at the start of the tenancy.

Grounds for Termination:

The Notice to End Tenancy identifies the following grounds:

• Breach of a material term of the tenancy agreement that was not corrected within a reasonable time after written notice to do so

Settlement::

The parties reached a settlement at the hearing and they asked that I record the settlement pursuant to section 63(2) of the Residential Tenancy Act as follows:

- a. The parties mutually agree to end the tenancy on August 31, 2017.
- b. The parties request that the arbitrator issue an Order of Possession for August 31, 2017.
- c. The tenants shall retain the right to end the tenancy earlier upon giving the landlord one month clear notice in writing as provided by the Residential Tenancy Act.
- d. The landlord shall pay to the tenant one half of the cost of the filing fee in the sum of \$50 such sum may be deducted from future rent.

Order for Possession:

The Residential Tenancy Act provides that where an arbitrator has dismissed a tenant's application to cancel a Notice to End Tenancy, the arbitrator must grant an Order for Possession. As a result I granted the landlord an Order for Possession effective August 31, 2017.

Conclusion:

As a result of the settlement I ordered that the landlord shall pay to the Tenants the sum of \$50 such sum may be deducted from future rent. I granted an Order of Possession effective August 31, 2017.

The tenants must be served with this Order as soon as possible. Should the tenant fail to comply with this Order, the landlord may register the Order with the Supreme Court of British Columbia for enforcement.

This decision is final and binding on the parties.

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 27, 2017

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