

# **Dispute Resolution Services**

Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

## **EX PARTE PROCEEDING**

# (DIRECT REQUEST PROCEEDING)

Pursuant to section 55(4) of the *Residential Tenancy Act*, the decision in this matter was made without a participatory hearing. The decision was based on an undisputed 10 day Notice to End Tenancy and the written submissions of the Landlord.

A matter regarding SATGUR HOLDINGS LTD and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

## DECISION

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#### 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 January 12, 2017, the landlord sent the tenants the Notices of Direct Request Proceeding by registered mail to the rental unit. The landlord provided a copy of the Canada Post Customer Receipt containing the Tracking Numbers to confirm these mailings. 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 January 17, 2017, the fifth day after their registered mailing.

#### 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*?

Is the landlord entitled to monetary compensation for unpaid rent pursuant to section 67 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 September 22, 2016, indicating a monthly rent of \$957.00, due on the first day of the month for a tenancy commencing on October 1, 2016;
- A Monetary Order Worksheet showing the rent owing and paid during the relevant portion of this tenancy;
- A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent (the 10 Day Notice) naming Tenant S.P., dated December 15, 2016, and handed to Tenant J.P. on December 15, 2016, with a stated effective vacancy date of December 30, 2016, for \$657.00 in unpaid rent; and
- A copy of a second 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent (the 10 Day Notice) naming Tenant J.P., dated December 15, 2016, and personally served to Tenant J.P. on December 15, 2016, with a stated effective vacancy date of December 30, 2016, for \$657.00 in unpaid rent.

Witnessed documentary evidence filed by the landlord indicates that the 10 Day Notices were personally served to the tenants by handing them to Tenant J.P. at 3:00 pm on December 15, 2016. The 10 Day Notices state that the tenants 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 Notices on December 15, 2016.

I find that the tenants were obligated to pay the monthly rent in the amount of \$957.00, as per the tenancy agreement.

I accept the evidence before me that the tenants have 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 Notices within that 5 day period.

Based on the foregoing, I find that the tenants are conclusively presumed under section 46(5) of the *Act* to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the effective date of the 10 Day Notices, December 30, 2016.

Therefore, I find that the landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession for unpaid rent owing for December 2016 as of January 10, 2017.

#### Conclusion

I grant an Order of Possession to the landlord effective **two days after service of this Order** on the tenants. Should the tenants 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: January 17, 2017

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