



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.

DECISION

Dispute Codes OPR, MNR

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 and a monetary Order.

The landlord submitted a signed Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding which declares that on January 22, 2016, the landlord personally served the tenant the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding.

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 Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding served to the tenants;
- A copy of a residential tenancy agreement which was signed by the landlord and the tenant on August 25, 2016, indicating a monthly rent of \$1,000.00, due on the first day of the month for a tenancy commencing on September 01, 2015;
- A Monetary Order Worksheet showing the rent owing and paid during this tenancy; and
- A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent (the 10 Day Notice) dated January 03, 2017, and personally handed to the tenant on January 03, 2017, for \$2,000.00 in unpaid rent.

Documentary evidence filed by the landlord indicates that the 10 Day Notice was personally handed to the tenant at 8:00 p.m. on January 03, 2017. The 10 Day Notice states 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.

Analysis

Section 52 of the *Act* provides the following requirements regarding the form and content of notices to end tenancy:

52 *In order to be effective, a notice to end a tenancy must be in writing and must*

*(a) **be signed** and dated by the landlord or tenant giving the notice,*

(b) give the address of the rental unit,

(c) state the effective date of the notice,...and

(e) when given by a landlord, be in the approved form...

I have reviewed all documentary evidence and I find that the landlord has not signed the 10 Day Notice. I find that this omission invalidates the 10 Day Notice as the landlord has not complied with the provisions of section 52 of the *Act*.

Therefore, I dismiss the landlord's application to end this tenancy and obtain an Order of Possession on the basis of the 10 Day Notice of January 03, 2017, without leave to reapply.

The 10 Day Notice of January 03, 2017, is cancelled and of no force or effect.

For the same reasons identified in the 10 Day Notice the landlord's application for a monetary Order is dismissed, with leave to reapply.

I note that service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding has not been proven. I find that neither the tenant and/or a witness have signed the Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding to confirm the tenant's receipt of the documents. Had the 10 Day Notice complied with section 52 of the *Act*, I would have adjourned this application to a participatory hearing in order to prove service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding to the tenant.

Conclusion

The landlord's application for an Order of Possession on the basis of the 10 Day Notice of January 03, 2017 is dismissed, without leave to reapply.

The 10 Day Notice of January 03, 2017, is cancelled and of no force or effect.

This tenancy continues until it is ended in accordance with the *Act*.

I dismiss the landlord's application for a monetary Order, with leave to reapply.

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 24, 2017

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