

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

<u>Dispute Codes</u> OPR, MNR, MNSD, FF

<u>Introduction</u>

This hearing dealt with the landlords' application pursuant to the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the "*Act*") for:

- an Order of Possession for unpaid rent pursuant to section 55;
- a Monetary Order for unpaid rent pursuant to section 67;
- authorization to retain all or a portion of the tenant's security deposit in partial satisfaction of the monetary order requested pursuant to section 38; and
- authorization to recover the filing fee for this application from the tenant pursuant to section 72.

Both parties attended the hearing and were given a full opportunity to be heard, to present affirmed testimony, to make submissions and to call witnesses.

As both parties were in attendance I confirmed there were no issues with service. The tenant confirmed receipt of the landlords' 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent and Utilities (the "10 Day Notice"), and the landlords' application for dispute resolution hearing package (the "Application") and evidence. In accordance with sections 88 and 89 of the Act, I find that the tenant was duly served copies of the landlords' 10 Day Notice, Application and evidence.

Issue(s) to be Decided

Are the landlords entitled to an Order of Possession for unpaid rent? Are the landlords entitled to a monetary award for unpaid rent? Are the landlords entitled to retain all or a portion of the tenant's security deposit in partial satisfaction of the monetary award requested? Are the landlords entitled to recover the filing fee for this application from the tenant?

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Analysis

Pursuant to section 63 of the *Act*, the Arbitrator may assist the parties to settle their dispute and if the parties settle their dispute during the dispute resolution proceedings, the settlement may be recorded in the form of a decision or an order. During the hearing the parties discussed the issues between them, turned their minds to compromise and achieved a resolution of their dispute.

Both parties agreed to the following final and binding settlement of all issues currently under dispute at this time:

- 1. The tenant will pay the landlord \$1,200.00 on or before February 6, 2017.
- 2. The tenant will pay the landlord \$1,200.00 on or before February 13, 2017.
- 3. This tenancy will end on 1:00 pm February 28, 2017, by which time the tenant and any other occupants will have vacated the rental unit.
- 4. The 10 Day Notice of December 14, 2016 is cancelled and of no force or effect.
- 5. This settlement agreement constitutes a final and binding resolution of the landlords' application at this hearing.

Both parties testified at the hearing that they understood and agreed to the above terms, free of any duress or coercion. Both parties testified that they understood and agreed that the above terms are legal, final, binding and enforceable, which settle all aspects of this dispute.

Conclusion

In order to implement the above settlement reached between the parties, and as advised to both parties during the hearing, I issue a monetary Order in the landlords' favour in the amount of \$2,400.00, to be paid in two installments of \$1,200.00 each on February 6, 2017 and February 13, 2017. Should the tenant fail to comply with this Order, this Order may be filed in the Small Claims Division of the Provincial Court and enforced as an Order of that Court.

To give effect to the settlement reached between the parties and as advised to both parties during the hearing, I issue the attached Order of Possession to be served on the tenant by the landlord **only** if the tenant and any other occupants fail to vacate the rental premises by 1:00 p.m. on February 28, 2017. 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: February 3, 2017

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