



Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes OPR, MNR, FF

Introduction

On January 13, 2017, the Landlord submitted an Application for Dispute Resolution for an order of possession; for a monetary order for unpaid rent or utilities; and to recover the cost of the filing fee.

The matter was set for a conference call hearing. The Landlord attended the teleconference hearing; however, the Tenant did not. The Landlord was assisted by a translator. The Landlord was asked to provide affirmed testimony. The Landlord testified that the Tenant was served the Notice of Hearing by Canada Post Registered Mail on January 13, 2017. The Landlord provided a copy of the Registered Mail receipt and tracking number as proof of service. I find that the Tenant has been duly served with the Notice of Hearing in accordance with section 89 and 90 of the Act.

The Landlord was provided the opportunity to present his evidence orally and in written and documentary form, and to make submissions at the hearing.

Issues to be Decided

- Is the Landlord entitled to an order of possession due to unpaid rent?
- Is the Landlord entitled to a monetary order to recover unpaid rent?
- Is the Landlord entitled to recover the cost of the filing fee?

Background and Evidence

The Landlord testified that the tenancy began in April 2015, and is a month to month tenancy. Rent in the amount of \$700.00 is to be paid on the first day of each month. The Tenant paid the Landlord a security deposit of \$350.00.

The Landlord testified that the Tenant did not pay any rent for the months of December 2016; January 2017; and February 2017.

The Landlord testified that on January 2, 2017, the Tenant was served with a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent or Utilities dated January 2, 2017 ("the Notice"). The Landlord testified that the Tenant was served with the Notice in person by hand.

The Notice states that the Tenant has failed to pay rent in the amount of \$700.00 which was due on December 1, 2016. The Notice informed the Tenant that the Notice would be cancelled if the rent was paid within five days. The Notice also explains the Tenant had five days to dispute the Notice.

There is no evidence before me that that the Tenant made an application to dispute the Notice.

The Landlord testified that the Tenant did not pay the rent that was due within 5 days of receiving the 10 Day Notice. The Landlord testified that the Tenant has not paid any rent that is due since the Notice was issued.

The Landlord testified that the Tenant owes rent for the following months:

- December 2016, in the amount of \$700.00
- January 2017, in the amount of \$700.00
- February 2017 in the amount of \$700.00

The Landlord seeks an order of possession and a monetary order for unpaid rent in the amount of \$2,100.00

Analysis

Based on the evidence before me, the testimony of the Landlord, and on a balance of probabilities, I find that the Tenant has not paid the outstanding rent within five days of receiving the Notice, and did not apply to dispute the Notice, and is therefore conclusively presumed under section 46(5) of the Act to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the effective date of the Notice.

I find that the Landlord is entitled to an order of possession, pursuant to section 55 of the Act, effective two days after service on the Tenant. This order may be filed in the Supreme Court and enforced as an order of that Court. The Tenant is cautioned that costs of such enforcement are recoverable from the Tenant.

I allow the Landlord to amend the claim to include the unpaid rent of \$700.00 for February 2017. The Landlord has suffered a loss of rent and the Tenant knows that he must pay his rent when it is due under the tenancy agreement.

I find that the Tenant owes the Landlord \$2,100.00 for unpaid rent.

Section 72 of the Act gives me authority to order the repayment of a fee for an application for dispute resolution. I order the Tenant to repay the \$100.00 fee that the Landlord paid to make application for dispute resolution.

I find that the Landlord has established a total monetary claim of \$2,200.00 comprised of \$2,100.00 in unpaid rent for the above mentioned dates and the \$100.00 fee paid by the Landlord for this hearing.

I grant the Landlord a monetary order in the amount of \$2,200.00. This monetary order may be filed in the Provincial Court (Small Claims) and enforced as an order of that court. The Tenant is cautioned that costs of such enforcement are recoverable from the Tenant.

Conclusion

The Tenant failed to pay the rent and did not file to dispute the Notice. The Tenant is presumed under the law to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the effective date of the Notice.

The Landlord is granted an order of possession effective 2 days after service on the Tenant and I grant a monetary order for the unpaid rent and the cost of the filing fee in the amount of \$2,200.00.

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 07, 2017

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