

# **Dispute Resolution Services**

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

### **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 July 25, 2017, the landlord sent the tenant the Notice 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 Number to confirm this mailing. Based on the written submissions of the landlord and in accordance with sections 89 and 90 of the *Act*, I find that the tenant has been deemed served with the Direct Request Proceeding documents on July 30, 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 a residential tenancy agreement between HA (initialed for the purposes
of this decision) and the tenant signed on June 20, 2017, indicating a monthly
rent of \$1,150.00, due on the first day of each month for a tenancy commencing

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on June 30, 2017, with a notation on the tenancy agreement that cheques should be made payable to the landlord identified above;

- 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) dated July 12, 2017 with a stated effective vacancy date of July 22, 2017, for \$787.50 in unpaid rent; and
- A statement dated July 25, 2017 provided by the landlord detailing amounts owed and received from May 31, 2017 to July 07, 2017 by the tenant.

Witnessed documentary evidence filed by the landlord indicates that the 10 Day Notice was posted to the tenant's door at 11:40 (a.m. or p.m. not indicated) on July 12, 2017. The 10 Day Notice states that the tenant had five days from the date received 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 sections 88 and 90 of the *Act*, I find that the tenant was deemed served with the 10 Day Notice on July 15, 2017, three days after its posting.

I find that the tenant was obligated to pay the monthly rent in the amount of \$1,150.00, as per the tenancy agreement.

I accept the evidence before me that the tenant has 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 Notice within that 5 day period.

Based on the foregoing, I find that the tenant is conclusively presumed under section 46(5) of the *Act* to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the corrected effective date of the 10 Day Notice, July 25, 2017, pursuant to Section 53 of the *Act*. Therefore, I find that the landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession.

I note that the only monetary award available to a landlord by way of the direct request process is for unpaid rent and unpaid utilities. As the landlord has also sought a monetary award for matters relating to a security deposit as set out in the Statement provided, and the information submitted is unclear as to the breakdown of the landlord's

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monetary claim, I am unable to consider the monetary aspect of the landlord's claim

through the direct request process.

Conclusion

I grant an Order of Possession to the landlord effective **two days after service of this Order** on the tenant. 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.

I dismiss the landlord's claim for a monetary order with leave to re-apply.

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: August 03, 2017

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