

# **Dispute Resolution Services**

Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

# DECISION

## Dispute Codes: CNR

### Introduction

This hearing dealt with an application by the tenant for an order to set aside a notice to end tenancy for non-payment of rent. Both parties attended the hearing and had opportunity to be heard. The parties acknowledged receipt of evidence submitted by the other and gave affirmed testimony.

### Issue to be Decided

Does the landlord have grounds to end this tenancy?

## **Background and Evidence**

The tenancy started in 2004. The accommodation is subsidised housing and is allotted and rented based on a tenant's income and family size. The tenant's current portion of the rent is \$570.00 payable on the first of each month. On July 13, 2017, the landlord served the tenant with a ten day notice to end tenancy for \$377.00 in unpaid rent. The tenant made application to dispute the notice in a timely manner.

The reasons for the notice and the amount owed were discussed at length. During the hearing, the parties engaged in a conversation, turned their minds to compromise and achieved a resolution of their dispute.

#### <u>Analysis</u>

Pursuant to Section 63 of the *Residential Tenancy Act*, the Arbitrator may assist the parties settle their dispute and if the parties settle their dispute during the hearing, the settlement may be recorded in the form of a decision or an order.

During this hearing, the parties reached an agreement to settle their dispute. Specifically, it was agreed that the landlord would withdraw the notice to end tenancy and allow the tenancy to continue on the following terms:

- 1. The tenant agreed to pay rent in the amount of \$307.00 by October 06, 2017.
- 2. The landlord agreed to allow the tenancy to continue if the tenant paid rent as promised on October 06, 2017.
- 3. The tenant agreed that she understood that the landlord will serve her with another notice to end tenancy if she is non-compliant with the terms of this agreement.
- 4. Both parties stated that they understood and agreed that these particulars comprise the full and final settlement of all aspects of this dispute.

The tenant would be wise to ensure that the amount of \$307.00 is fully paid by October 06, 2017. I find it timely to put the tenant on notice that, if she does not comply with the terms of this agreement and another notice to end tenancy is issued, the record of these events would form part of the landlord's case should it again come before an Arbitrator for consideration.

#### **Conclusion**

The parties have reached a settled agreement, as recorded above. This agreement was reached in accordance with section 63 of the *Act*. The parties are bound by the terms of this agreement, as well as by the terms of their tenancy agreement and the Act. Should either party violate the terms of this settled agreement, the tenancy agreement or the Act, it is open to the other party to take steps under the Act to seek remedy. The notice to end tenancy is set aside and the tenancy will continue.

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: September 22, 2017

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