



Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

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Introduction

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

- an order of possession for unpaid rent and utilities pursuant to section 55;
- authorization to recover her filing fee for this application from the tenant pursuant to section 72.

The hearing was conducted by conference call. The tenant did not attend this hearing, although I waited until 9:15 a.m. in order to enable the tenant to connect with this teleconference hearing scheduled for 9:00 a.m. The landlord attended the hearing and was given a full opportunity to be heard, to present evidence and to make submissions.

Preliminary Issue: Service of Landlord's Application

The landlord testified that he served the application for dispute resolution and Notice of Hearing package by sending a copy by regular mail to the tenant's address.

Section 89 of the *Act* establishes the following Special rules for certain documents, which include an application for dispute resolution:

89(2) An application by a landlord under section 55 [order of possession for the landlord], 56 [application for order ending tenancy early] or 56.1 [order of possession: tenancy frustrated] must be given to the tenant in one of the following ways:

- (a) by leaving a copy with the tenant;*
- (b) by sending a copy by registered mail to the address at which the tenant resides;*
- (c) by leaving a copy at the tenant's residence with an adult who apparently resides with the tenant;*

(d) by attaching a copy to a door or other conspicuous place at the address at which the tenant resides;

(e) as ordered by the director under section 71 (1) [director's orders: delivery and service of documents].

I find the landlord served the tenant with the application for dispute resolution by regular mail rather than registered mail as required by section 89(2)(b) of the *Act*.

Conclusion

I dismiss the landlord's application 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: October 03, 2017

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