



# Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch  
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

## **DECISION**

Dispute Codes      OPRM-DR, FFL

### 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 three signed Proofs of Service of the Notices of Direct Request Proceeding which declare that on October 16, 2017, the landlord sent each of the tenants the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding by registered mail to the rental unit. The landlord provided a copy of the Canada Post Customer Receipts containing the Tracking Numbers to confirm these mailings. Based on the written submissions of the landlord and in accordance with sections 89 and 90 of the *Act*, I find that the tenants have been deemed served with the Direct Request Proceeding documents on October 21, 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*?

Is the landlord entitled to recover the filing fee for this application pursuant to section 72 of the *Act*?

### Background and Evidence

The landlord submitted the following evidentiary material:

- A copy of a residential tenancy agreement which was signed by the landlord, Tenant T.S., and Tenant L.S. on March 20, 2015, indicating a monthly rent of

\$1,250.00, due on the first day of each month for a tenancy commencing on March 29, 2015;

- A Monetary Order Worksheet showing the rent owing and paid during the relevant portion of this tenancy. The Monetary Order Worksheet noted that \$650.00 of the \$5,815.00 identified as owing in the 10 Day Notice was paid on July 24, 2017; and
- A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent (the 10 Day Notice) dated July 16, 2017, with a stated effective vacancy date of August 1, 2017, for \$5,815.00 in unpaid rent.

Witnessed documentary evidence filed by the landlord indicates that the 10 Day Notice was sent to the tenants by registered mail at 3:07 pm on July 16, 2017. The landlord provided a copy of the Canada Post Customer Receipt containing the Tracking Number to confirm this mailing. The 10 Day Notice states that the tenants had five days from the date of service to pay the rent in full or apply for Dispute Resolution or the tenancy would end.

### Analysis

I have reviewed all documentary evidence and in accordance with sections 88 and 90 of the *Act*, I find that the tenants were deemed served with the 10 Day Notice on July 21, 2017, five days after its mailing.

Paragraph 12 (1) (b) of the Residential Tenancy Regulations establishes that a tenancy agreement is required to “be signed and dated by both the landlord and the tenant.”

I find that the residential tenancy agreement submitted by the landlord is not signed by Tenant B.S., which is a requirement of the direct request process, and that a participatory hearing is necessary in order to protect the procedural rights of Tenant B.S.

However, I find that Tenant L.S. and Tenant T.S. were obligated to pay the monthly rent in the amount of \$1,250.00, as per the tenancy agreement.

I accept the evidence before me that Tenant L.S. and Tenant T.S. have failed to pay the rent owed in full within the five days granted under section 46(4) of the *Act* and did not dispute the 10 Day Notice within that five day period.

Based on the foregoing, I find that Tenant L.S. and Tenant T.S. are conclusively presumed under section 46(5) of the *Act* to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the effective date of the 10 Day Notice, August 1, 2017.

Therefore, I find that the landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession and a Monetary Order in the amount of \$5,165.00, the amount claimed by the landlord, for unpaid rent owing for the period of October 2016 to July 2017 as of October 9, 2017.

As the landlord was successful in this application, I find that the landlord is entitled to recover the \$100.00 filing fee paid for this application.

### Conclusion

I grant an Order of Possession to the landlord effective **two days after service of this Order** on Tenant L.S. and Tenant T.S. Should Tenant L.S. and Tenant T.S. and any other occupant fail to comply with this Order, this Order may be filed and enforced as an Order of the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

Pursuant to sections 67 and 72 of the *Act*, I grant the landlord a Monetary Order in the amount of \$5,265.00 for rent owed for the period of October 2016 to July 2017 and for the recovery of the filing fee for this application. The landlord is provided with this Order in the above terms and Tenant L.S. and/or Tenant T.S. must be served with **this Order** as soon as possible. Should Tenant L.S. and/or Tenant T.S. 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.

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 23, 2017

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