



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 two signed Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding forms which declare that on December 13, 2017, the landlord's agent "MK" served each of the above-named tenants with the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding via registered mail. The landlord provided two copies of the Canada Post Customer Receipts containing the Tracking Numbers to confirm these mailings. Section 90 of the *Act* determines that a document served in this manner is deemed to have been received five days after service.

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 December 18, 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:

- Two copies of the Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding served to the tenants;
- A copy of an “Application for Dispute Resolution by Direct Request” which the landlord filed on December 12, 2017, and which, along with the application filing fee, was established as being received by the Residential Tenancy Branch on December 12, 2017;
- A Direct Request Worksheet showing the rent owing during the portion of this tenancy in question, on which the landlord establishes a monetary claim in the amount of \$1,226.00 for outstanding rent, comprised of the balance of unpaid rent due by November 30, 2017 for the month of December 2017;
- A copy of a residential tenancy agreement which was signed by the landlord’s agent and the tenants on May 08, 2014, indicating a monthly rent of \$1,122.00, due on the last day of the month preceding the month for which rent is due;
- The landlord established the manner in which rent was raised from the initial \$1,122.00 stated in the tenancy agreement to the current amount of \$1,226.00 by providing copies of “Notice of Rent Increase” forms provided to the tenants during the course of the tenancy;
- A copy of a document titled “Notice of Late Rent”, dated November 30, 2017, in which the landlord establishes that the tenant owes unpaid rent in the amount of \$1,226.00, as well as late rent charges;
- A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent (the Notice) dated December 01, 2017, which the landlord states was served to the tenants on December 01, 2017, for \$1,226.00 in unpaid rent due on November 30, 2017, with a stated effective vacancy date of December 11, 2017; and
- A copy of the Proof of Service of the Notice showing that the landlord’s agent “MK” served the Notice to the tenants by way of posting it to the door of the rental unit at 9:00 PM on December 01, 2017. The Proof of Service establishes that the service was witnessed by “CK” and a signature for “CK” is included on the form.

The Notice restates section 46(4) of the Act which provides that the tenants had five days to pay the rent in full or apply for Dispute Resolution or the tenancy would end on the effective date of the Notice. The tenants did not apply to dispute the Notice within five days from the date of service and the landlord alleged that the tenants did not pay the rental arrears.

Analysis

I have reviewed all documentary evidence provided by the landlord. Section 90 of the *Act* provides that because the Notice was served by posting the Notice to the door of the rental unit, the tenants are deemed to have received the Notice three days after its posting. In accordance with sections 88 and 90 of the *Act*, I find that the tenants are deemed to have received the Notice on December 04, 2017, three days after its posting.

I find that the tenants were obligated to pay monthly rent in the amount of \$1,226.00, as the landlord has established that the monthly rent amount was raised in an appropriate manner from the initial amount of \$1,122.00, as established in the tenancy agreement, to the current amount of \$1,226.00. I accept the evidence before me that the tenants have failed to pay rental arrears in the amount of \$1,226.00, comprised of the balance of unpaid rent owed by November 30, 2017 for the month of December 2017. I accept the landlord's undisputed evidence and find that the tenants did not pay the rent owed in full within the five days granted under section 46 (4) of the *Act* and did not apply to dispute the Notice within that five-day period.

Based on the foregoing, I find that the tenants are conclusively presumed under section 46(5) of the *Act* to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the corrected effective date of the Notice, December 14, 2017.

Therefore, I find that the landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession and a monetary Order of \$1,226.00 for unpaid rent owed by November 30, 2017 for the month of December 2017, as of December 12, 2017, the date on which the landlord's Application for Dispute Resolution by Direct Request was submitted.

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 the tenant(s). Should the tenant(s) 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 section 67 and 72 of the *Act*, I find that the landlord is entitled to a monetary Order in the amount of \$1,326.00 for unpaid rent owed by November 30, 2017 for the month of December 2017, and for the recovery of the filing fee for this application. The landlord is provided with these Orders in the above terms and the tenant(s) must be served with **this Order** as soon as possible. Should the tenant(s) fail to comply with these Orders, these Orders may be filed in the Small Claims Division of the Provincial Court and enforced as Orders 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: December 19, 2017

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