



# Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch  
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

## **DECISION**

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### Preliminary Matters

The landlord named two people as respondents in their Application for Dispute Resolution however I find that the residential tenancy agreement submitted by the landlord is only signed by Tenant K.H. I find that I am only able to proceed against the tenant who signed the residential tenancy agreement.

Section 64(3)(c) allows me to amend a landlord's Application for Dispute Resolution to remove the respondent J.M. who has not signed the tenancy agreement, which I have done.

### 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 landlords for an Order of Possession based on unpaid rent.

The landlords submitted a signed Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding which declares that on January 17, 2018, the landlords sent the tenant the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding by registered mail to the rental unit. The landlords provided a copy of the Canada Post Customer Receipt containing the Tracking Number to confirm this mailing. Based on the written submissions of the landlords and in accordance with sections 89 and 90 of the *Act*, I find that the tenant is deemed to have been served with the Direct Request Proceeding documents on January 22, 2018, the fifth day after their registered mailing.

Issue(s) to be Decided

Are the landlords entitled to an Order of Possession for unpaid rent pursuant to sections 46 and 55 of the *Act*?

Background and Evidence

The landlords submitted the following evidentiary material:

- A copy of a residential tenancy agreement which was signed by the landlords and the tenant on March 01, 2012, indicating a monthly rent of \$590.00, due on the first day of each month for a tenancy commencing on March 01, 2012;
- Two copies of Notice of Rent Increase forms showing the rent being increased from \$590.00 to the current monthly rent amount of \$615.00;
- A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent dated January 02, 2018 for \$615.00 in unpaid rent (the 10 Day Notice). The 10 Day Notice provides that the tenant had five days from the date of service to pay the rent in full or apply for Dispute Resolution or the tenancy would end on the stated effective vacancy date of January 12, 2018;
- A copy of a witnessed Proof of Service Notice to End Tenancy form which indicates that the 10 Day Notice was posted to the tenant's door at 3:30 p.m. on January 02, 2018; and
- A Direct Request Worksheet showing the rent owing and paid during the relevant portion of this tenancy.

Analysis

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 January 05, 2018, three days after its posting.

I find that the tenant was obligated to pay the monthly rent in the amount of \$615.00, as per the tenancy agreement and Notice of Rent Increase forms.

I accept the evidence before me that the tenant has 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 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, January 15, 2018.

Therefore, I find that the landlords are entitled to an Order of Possession for unpaid rent owing for January 2018 as of January 12, 2018.

### Conclusion

I grant an Order of Possession to the landlords 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.

This decision is made on authority delegated to me by the Director of the Residential Tenancy Branch under section 9.1(1) of the *Act*.

Dated: January 23, 2018

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