



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

The landlords submitted a signed Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding which declares that on February 10, 2018, the landlord “YA” served the tenant with the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding via registered mail. The landlords provided a copy of the Canada Post Customer Receipt containing the Tracking Number to confirm this mailing. 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 landlords, and in accordance with sections 89 and 90 of the *Act*, I find that the tenant has been deemed served with the Direct Request Proceeding documents on February 15, 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*?

Are the landlords entitled to monetary compensation for unpaid rent pursuant to section 67 of the *Act*?

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

## Background and Evidence

The landlords submitted the following evidentiary material:

- A copy of the Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding served to the tenant;
- A copy of a residential tenancy agreement which was signed by the landlords and the tenant on July 31, 2017, indicating a monthly rent of \$1,100.00 due on the first day of the month for a tenancy commencing on August 01, 2017;
- A Direct Request Worksheet showing the rent owing and paid during the portion of this tenancy in question, on which the landlords establish a monetary claim in the amount of \$1,900.00 for outstanding rent, comprised of the balance of unpaid rent owed for the months of December 2017 and January 2018. The landlords indicate that a partial payment of \$300.00 was received on January 26, 2018;
- A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent (the Notice) dated January 20, 2018, which the landlords state was served to the tenant on January 20, 2018, for \$2,200.00 in unpaid rent due on January 01, 2018, with a stated effective vacancy date of January 31, 2018; and
- A copy of the Proof of Service of the Notice showing that the landlord "YA" served the Notice to the tenant by way of personal service via hand-delivery at 11:00 AM on January 20, 2018. The personal service was confirmed as the tenant acknowledged receipt of the Notice by signing the Proof of Service form on January 20, 2018. The Proof of Service form establishes that the service was witnessed by "LB" and a signature for "LB" is included on the form.

The Notice restates section 46(4) of the Act which provides that the tenant 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 tenant did not apply to dispute the Notice within five days from the date of service and the landlords alleged that the tenant did not pay the rental arrears.

## Analysis

I have reviewed all documentary evidence and find that in accordance with section 88 of the *Act* the tenant was duly served with the Notice on January 20, 2018.

I find that the tenant was obligated to pay monthly rent in the amount of \$1,100.00, as established in the tenancy agreement. I accept the evidence before me that the tenant has failed to pay rental arrears in the amount of \$1,900.00, comprised of the balance of unpaid rent owed by January 01, 2018, for the months of December 2017 and January 21018.

I accept the landlords' undisputed evidence and find that the tenant 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 tenant is conclusively presumed under section 46(5) of the *Act* to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the effective date of the Notice, January 31, 2018.

Therefore, I find that the landlords are entitled to an Order of Possession and a monetary Order of \$1,900.00 for unpaid rent owing for the months of December 2017 and January 21018, as of February 06, 2018, the date on which the landlords' Application for Dispute Resolution by Direct Request was submitted

As the landlords were successful in this application, I find that the landlords are entitled to recover the \$100.00 filing fee paid for this application.

### Conclusion

I grant an Order of Possession to the landlords 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 72of the *Act*, I find that the landlords are entitled to a monetary Order in the amount of \$2,000.00 for unpaid rent, and for the recovery of the filing fee for this application. The landlords are 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: February 16, 2018

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