

# **Dispute Resolution Services**

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# Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

## **DECISION**

Dispute Codes OLC, FF

### **Introduction**

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

- an order requiring the landlord to comply with the Act, *Residential Tenancy Regulation* or tenancy agreement, pursuant to section 62; and
- authorization to recover the filing fee for this application, pursuant to section 72.

The landlord and the two tenants attended the hearing and were each given a full opportunity to be heard, to present affirmed testimony, to make submissions, and to call witnesses. This hearing lasted approximately 66 minutes in order to allow both parties to negotiate a full settlement of this application.

The landlord confirmed receipt of the tenants' application for dispute resolution hearing package and the tenants confirmed receipt of the landlord's written evidence package. In accordance with sections 88, 89 and 90 of the *Act*, I find that the landlord was duly served with the tenants' application and both tenants were duly served with the landlord's written evidence package.

#### Settlement Terms

Pursuant to section 63 of the *Act*, the Arbitrator may assist the parties to settle their dispute and if the parties settle their dispute during the dispute resolution proceedings, the settlement may be recorded in the form of a decision and orders. During the hearing, the parties discussed the issues between them, turned their minds to compromise and achieved a resolution of their dispute.

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Both parties agreed to the following final and binding settlement of all issues currently under dispute at this time:

- 1. Both parties agreed that this tenancy will end by 1:00 p.m. on August 31, 2018, by which time the tenants and any other occupants will have vacated the rental unit;
- 2. The landlord agreed that the tenants are entitled to vacate the rental unit earlier than 1:00 p.m. on August 31, 2018, provided that the tenants first provide at least 10 days' written notice to the landlord, to move on the last day of the applicable month:
- 3. Both parties agreed that the tenants' security and pet damage deposits will be dealt with at the end of this tenancy in accordance with section 38 of the *Act*;
- 4. The tenants agreed to bear the cost of \$50.00, which represents half the filing fee paid for this application;
- 5. The landlord agreed to reimburse the tenants the cost of \$50.00, which represents half the filing fee paid for this application, by way of a cheque to be posted to the tenants' rental unit door by February 15, 2018;
- 6. The tenants agreed that this settlement agreement constitutes a final and binding resolution of their application at this hearing.

These particulars comprise the full and final settlement of all aspects of this dispute for both parties. Both parties affirmed at the hearing that they understood and agreed to the above terms, free of any duress or coercion. Both parties affirmed that they understood and agreed that the above terms are legal, final, binding and enforceable, which settle all aspects of this dispute.

#### Conclusion

To give effect to the settlement reached between the parties and as advised to both parties during the hearing, I issue the attached Order of Possession to be used by the landlord **only** if the tenant(s) and any other occupants fail to vacate the rental premises by 1:00 p.m. on August 31, 2018. The tenant(s) must be served with this Order in the event that the tenant(s) and any other occupants fail to vacate the rental premises by 1:00 p.m. on August 31, 2018. 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.

In order to implement the above settlement reached between the parties, I issue a monetary Order in the tenants' favour in the amount of \$50.00. I deliver this Order to

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the tenants in support of the above agreement for use only in the event that the landlord fails to abide by condition #5 of the above agreement. The landlord must be served with a copy of this Order. Should the landlord 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.

The tenants' security and pet damage deposits are to be dealt with at the end of this tenancy in accordance with section 38 of the *Act*.

The tenants must bear the cost of \$50.00, which represents half the filing fee paid for this application.

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 14, 2018

Residential Tenancy Branch