

# **Dispute Resolution Services**

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# Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

# **DECISION**

**Dispute Codes:** OPC CNC, FF

## Introduction

This hearing dealt with applications by the landlord and the tenant, pursuant to the *Residential Tenancy Act*. The landlord applied for an order of possession pursuant to a notice to end tenancy for cause and for the recovery of the filing fee. The tenant applied for an order to set aside the notice to end tenancy.

Both parties attended the hearing and had opportunity to be heard. The parties acknowledged receipt of evidence submitted by the other and gave affirmed testimony.

# Issues to be Decided

Does the landlord have grounds to end this tenancy?

#### **Background and Evidence**

The tenancy started in September 2006. On January 06, 2018, the landlord served the tenant with a 30 day notice to end tenancy for cause. The tenant made application to dispute the notice in a timely manner. The reasons for the notice were discussed at length. During the hearing, the parties engaged in a conversation, turned their minds to compromise and achieved a resolution of their dispute.

#### **Analysis**

Pursuant to Section 63 of the *Residential Tenancy Act*, the Arbitrator may assist the parties settle their dispute and if the parties settle their dispute during the hearing, the settlement may be recorded in the form of a decision or an order.

During this hearing, the parties reached an agreement to settle their dispute. Specifically, it was agreed that the landlord would withdraw the notice to end tenancy and allow the tenancy to continue on the following terms:

Both parties agreed to the following terms:

1. The tenant agreed to refrain from contacting tenants in units 201, 202 and 303 by text messaging, by telephone or by visiting them.

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- 2. The tenant agreed not to use the vacuum machine at night and not to disturb his neighbours by banging on their windows or poking at his ceiling.
- 3. The tenant agreed to refrain from graffiti anywhere on the landlord's property.
- 4. The landlord agreed to continue to act on the tenant's complaints.
- 5. Both parties confirmed that they understood and agreed to the terms of this agreement.

The tenant would be wise to ensure that he abides by the terms of this agreement. I find it timely to put the tenant on notice that, if he does not comply with the terms of this agreement and another notice to end tenancy is issued, the record of these events would form part of the landlord's case should it again come before an Arbitrator for consideration.

As this dispute was resolved by mutual agreement and not based on the merits of the case, I decline the landlord's request to recover the filing fee paid for this application

## **Conclusion**

The parties have reached a settled agreement, as recorded above. This agreement was reached in accordance with section 63 of the *Act*. The parties are bound by the terms of this agreement, as well as by the terms of their tenancy agreement and the Act. Should either party violate the terms of this settled agreement, the tenancy agreement or the Act, it is open to the other party to take steps under the Act to seek remedy. The notice to end tenancy is set aside and the tenancy will continue.

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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: March 08, 2018

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