

# **Dispute Resolution Services**

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# Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

## **DECISION**

Dispute Codes OPR, MNR, FF

#### Introduction

This hearing dealt with an Application for Dispute Resolution by the landlord for an order of possession, for a monetary order for unpaid rent or utilities, and to recover the filing fee from the tenants.

The landlords attended the hearing. As the tenants did not attend the hearing, service of the Notice of Dispute Resolution Hearing was considered.

The Residential Tenancy Branch Rules of Procedure states that each respondent must be served with a copy of the Application for Dispute Resolution and Notice of Hearing.

The landlord testified the Application for Dispute Resolution and Notice of Hearing were served, in person on January 12, 2018, which was witness by two people. I find that the tenants have been duly served in accordance with the Act.

The landlord gave testimony and was provided the opportunity to present their evidence orally and in written and documentary form, and to make submissions at the hearing.

### Issues to be Decided

Is the landlord entitled to an order of possession for unpaid rent? Is the landlord entitled to a monetary order?

#### Background and Evidence

Based on the testimony of the landlord, I find that the tenants were served with a notice to end tenancy for non-payment of rent on December 18, 2017, in person, which was witnessed by two people. The notice informed the tenants that the notice would be cancelled if the rent was paid within five days. The notice also explains the tenants had five days to dispute the notice. Filed in evidence is a copy of the notice to end tenancy.

The landlord testified that the tenants' rent is \$1,400.00 per month and they have not paid any rent for December 2017, January, February and March 2018. The landlord seeks a monetary order for unpaid rent in the amount of \$5,600.00. The landlord seeks an order of possession. The landlord stated the tenants did not pay a security deposit.

# <u>Analysis</u>

Based on the above, the testimony, and evidence, and on a balance of probabilities, I find as follows:

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The tenants have not paid the outstanding rent and did not apply to dispute the notice and are therefore conclusively presumed under section 46(5) of the Act to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the

effective date of the Notice.

I find that the landlord is entitled to an order of possession, pursuant to section 55 of the Act, effective **two days** after service on the tenants. This order may be filed in the Supreme Court and enforced as an order of that Court. The **tenants are cautioned** that costs of such enforcement are recoverable from the

tenants.

I find that the landlord has established a total monetary claim of **\$5,700.00** comprised of unpaid rent as stated above and the \$100.00 fee paid by the landlords for this application. This order may be filed in the Provincial Court (Small Claims) and enforced as an order of that court. The **tenants are cautioned** that

costs of such enforcement are recoverable from the tenants.

Conclusion

The tenants failed to pay rent and did not file to dispute the notice to end tenancy. The tenants are presumed under the law to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the effective date of the notice to end tenancy.

The landlord is granted an order of possession, and I grant a monetary order for unpaid rent.

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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Corrected on March 12, 2018, by the above signer