

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

<u>Dispute Codes</u> OPR-DR

<u>Introduction</u>

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 landlord for an Order of Possession based on unpaid rent.

The landlord submitted two signed Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceedings which declares that on May 14, 2018, the landlord personally served the tenants the Notices of Direct Request Proceeding. The landlord had each tenant and a witness sign their respective Proofs of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding to confirm personal service. Based on the written submissions of the landlord and in accordance with section 89 of the *Act*, I find that the tenants have been duly served with the Direct Request Proceeding documents on May 14, 2018, the day it was personally served to them.

Issue(s) to be Decided

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

Background and Evidence

The landlord submitted the following evidentiary material:

- A copy of a residential tenancy agreement which was signed by the landlord and the tenants on February 02, 2018, indicating a monthly rent of \$1,800.00, due on the first day of each month for a tenancy commencing on February 01, 2018.
- A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent (the 10 Day Notice) dated May 04, 2018 for \$1,620.00 in unpaid rent. The 10 Day Notice provides that the tenants 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 May 15, 2018;

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 A copy of a witnessed Proof of Service Notice to End Tenancy form which indicates that the 10 Day Notice was personally handed to Tenant A.M. at 1:15 p.m. on May 05, 2018; and

 A Direct Request Worksheet showing the rent owing and paid during the relevant portion of this tenancy. The Direct Request Worksheet noted that \$790.00 of the \$1,620.00 identified as owing in the 10 Day Notice was paid since the 10 Day Notice was issued to the tenants;

Analysis

I have reviewed all documentary evidence and in accordance with section 88 the *Act*, I find that the tenants were duly served with the 10 Day Notice on May 05, 2018. I find that the tenants were obligated to pay the monthly rent in the amount of \$1,800.00 as per the tenancy agreement. I accept the evidence before me that the tenants have failed to pay the rent owed in full within the 5 days granted under section 46 (4) of the *Act* and did not dispute the 10 Day Notice within that 5 day period. Based on the foregoing, I find that the tenants are conclusively presumed under section 46(5) of the *Act* to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the effective date of the 10 Day Notice, May 15, 2018. Therefore, I find that the landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession for unpaid rent owing for May 2018 as of May 11, 2018.

Conclusion

I grant an Order of Possession to the landlord effective **two days after service of this Order** on the tenant. 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.

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: May 15, 2018

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