



# Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch  
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

## **DECISION**

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### 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.

The landlords submitted two signed Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding forms which declare that on June 15, 2018, the landlords served each of the above-named tenants with the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding via registered mail. The landlords provided two copies of the Canada Post Customer Receipts containing the Tracking Numbers to confirm these mailings. 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 tenants have been deemed served with the Direct Request Proceeding documents on June 20, 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*?

### Background and Evidence

The landlords submitted the following evidentiary material:

- A copy of a residential tenancy agreement which was signed by the landlords and the tenants on May 23, 2017, indicating a monthly rent of \$1,800.00 due on the first day of the month for a tenancy commencing on June 01, 2017;
- A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent (the Notice) dated May 20, 2018, which the landlords state was served to the tenants on May 20, 2018, for \$3,600.00 in unpaid rent due on May 01, 2018, with a stated effective vacancy date of May 31, 2018;
- A Direct Request Worksheet showing the rent owing during the portion of this tenancy in question, on which the landlords establish a monetary claim in the amount of \$3,600.00 for outstanding rent. The landlords indicate that monthly rent in the amount of \$1,800.00 is owed for each of May 2018 and June 2018;
- A copy of the Proof of Service of the Notice showing that the landlords served the Notice to the tenants by way of personal service via hand-delivery to the tenants on May 20, 2018. The Proof of Service form establishes that the service was witnessed by "SL" and a signature for "SL" is included on the form.

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

### Analysis

I have reviewed all documentary evidence provided by the landlords and find that in accordance with section 88 of the *Act* the tenants were duly served with the Notice on May 20, 2018.

I find that the tenants were obligated to pay monthly rent in the amount of \$1,800.00, as established in the tenancy agreement. I accept the evidence before me that the tenants have failed to pay rental arrears in the amount of \$1,800.00, comprised of the balance of unpaid rent owed by May 01, 2018, for the month of May 2018.

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

Therefore, I find that the landlords are entitled to an Order of Possession based on the May 20, 2018 Notice issued to the tenants for unpaid rent.

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.

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: June 22, 2018

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