

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes CNR, ERP, LRE, MNDCT, OLC, PSF

Introduction

This hearing was convened in response to the tenants' application pursuant to the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the "Act") for Orders as follows:

The tenant requested:

- cancellation of the landlords' 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent (the 10 Day Notice) pursuant to section 46;
- an order to the landlord to make repairs to the rental unit pursuant to section 33;
- an order requiring the landlords to comply with the *Act*, regulation or tenancy agreement pursuant to section 62;
- an order to the landlord to provide services or facilities required by law pursuant to section 65; and
- a monetary order for compensation for damage or loss under the *Act*, regulation or tenancy agreement pursuant to section 67;

While the landlords attended the hearing by way of conference call, the tenant did not. I waited until 9:40 a.m. to enable the tenant to participate in this scheduled hearing for 9:30 a.m. The landlords were given a full opportunity to be heard, to present affirmed testimony, to make submissions and to call witnesses. As this is the tenants' application, I am satisfied that the tenant was aware of today's hearing and the hearing proceeded and completed on that basis.

Rule 7.3 of the Rules of Procedure provides as follows:

7.3 Consequences of not attending the hearing

If a party or their agent fails to attend the hearing, the arbitrator may conduct the dispute resolution hearing in the absence of that party, or dismiss the application, with or without leave to re-apply.

As this is the tenant's application and they chose not to participate in the teleconference, I dismiss their application in its entirety without leave to reapply.

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The landlords provided undisputed testimony that the tenant was served with the 10 Day Notice, on April 3, 2018 by way of posting it on the tenant's door. In accordance with sections 88 and 90 of the *Act*, I find that the tenant was deemed served with the 10 Day Notice on April 6, 2018, three days after posting.

Issue(s) to be Decided

Is the landlord entitled to an Order of Possession based on the 10 Day Notice?

Background and Evidence

The landlord gave undisputed testimony regarding the following facts. This month to month tenancy began on March 1, 2017, with monthly rent set at \$450.00, payable on the first of each month. The landlords collected, and still hold, a security deposit of \$250.00. The tenant continues to reside in the rental unit.

The landlord issued the 10 Day Notice on April 3, 2018 to the tenant by posting it on their door. A copy of the 10 Day Notice was included in the tenant's evidence. The landlord testified that the tenant has not paid any rent since the 10 Day Notice was issued to the tenant. The landlord testified that no rent has been paid for the months of April, May and June for total arrears of \$1350.00. The landlord requests an order of possession.

Analysis

Section 55(1) of the Act reads as follows:

- 55 (1) If a tenant makes an application for dispute resolution to dispute a landlord's notice to end a tenancy, the director must grant to the landlord an order of possession of the rental unit if
 - (a) the landlord's notice to end tenancy complies with section 52 [form and content of notice to end tenancy], and
 - (b) the director, during the dispute resolution proceeding, dismisses the tenant's application or upholds the landlord's notice.

In the absence of any evidence or submissions from the tenant, I order the tenant's application dismissed without liberty to reapply. I find that the 10 Day Notice complies with section 52 of the *Act*.

Based on my decision to dismiss the tenant's application for dispute resolution and pursuant to section 55(1) of the *Act*, I find that this tenancy ended on the corrected effective date of the 10 Day Notice, April 16, 2018. I find that the landlords are entitled to a 2 day Order of Possession. The landlords will be given a formal Order of

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Possession which must be served on the tenant. If the tenant does not vacate the rental unit within the 2 days required, the landlords may enforce this Order in the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

Conclusion

As the tenant did not attend this hearing, their entire application is dismissed without leave to reapply.

I grant an Order of Possession to the landlords effective **two (2) days after service on the tenants**. Should the tenant or anyone on the premises 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 11, 2018

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