



Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes OPRM-DR, FFL

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 (the landlord) for an Order of Possession based on unpaid rent and a Monetary Order.

The landlord submitted two signed Proofs of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding which declare that on June 22, 2018, the landlord sent each of the tenants the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding by registered mail to the rental unit. The landlord provided copies of the Canada Post Customer Receipts containing the Tracking Numbers to confirm these mailings. Based on the written submissions of the landlord and in accordance with sections 89 and 90 of the *Act*, I find that each of the tenants is deemed to have been served with the Direct Request Proceeding documents on June 27, 2018, the fifth day after their registered mailing.

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*?

Is the landlord entitled to monetary compensation for unpaid rent pursuant to section 67 of the *Act*?

Is the landlord entitled to recover the filing fee for this application pursuant to section 72 of the *Act*?

Background and Evidence

The landlord submitted the following evidentiary material:

- A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent for \$1,400.00 in unpaid rent (the 10 Day Notice). 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 a date not specified on the 10 Day Notice;

- 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 M.A. on June 04, 2018; and
- A Direct Request Worksheet showing the rent owing and paid during the relevant portion of this tenancy.

Analysis

Section 52 of the *Act* provides the following requirements regarding the form and content of notices to end tenancy:

- In order to be effective, a notice to end a tenancy must be in writing and must*
- (a) **be signed and dated by the landlord** or tenant giving the notice,*
 - (b) give the address of the rental unit,*
 - (c) **state the effective date of the notice**,...and*
 - (e) when given by a landlord, be in the approved form...*

I have reviewed all documentary evidence and I find that there is no effective date (the day when the tenants must move out of or vacate the site) on the 10 Day Notice. I further find that the 10 Day Notice is not dated or signed by the landlord. I find that these omissions invalidate the 10 Day Notice as the landlord has not complied with the provisions of section 52 of the *Act*.

Therefore, I dismiss the landlord's application to end this tenancy and obtain an Order of Possession on the basis of the 10 Day Notice served to the tenants on June 04, 2018, without leave to reapply.

The 10 Day Notice served to the tenants on June 04, 2018, is cancelled and of no force or effect.

For the same reasons identified in the 10 Day Notice the landlord's application for a Monetary Order for unpaid rent is dismissed, with leave to reapply.

As the landlord was not successful in this application, I find that the landlord is not entitled to recover the \$100.00 filing fee paid for this application.

Conclusion

The landlord's application for an Order of Possession on the basis of the 10 Day Notice served to the tenants on June 04, 2018, is dismissed, without leave to reapply.

The 10 Day Notice served to the tenants on June 04, 2018, is cancelled and of no force or effect.

This tenancy continues until it is ended in accordance with the *Act*.

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 28, 2018

Residential Tenancy Branch