

Dispute Resolution Services

Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes: CNC, LRE, OLC, FFT

Introduction:

The Application for Dispute Resolution filed by the Tenant seeks the following:

- a. An order to cancel the one month Notice to End Tenancy dated September 26, 2018 and setting the end of tenancy for November 1, 2018.
- b. An order suspending or setting conditions on the landlord's right to enter the rental unit.
- c. An order that the landlord comply with the Act, Regulations and/or tenancy agreement.
- d. An order to recover the cost of the filing fee.

The tenant(s) failed to appear at the scheduled start of the hearing which was 9:30 a.m. on November 19, 2018. The landlord was present and ready to proceed. I left the teleconference hearing connection open and did not start the hearing until 10 minutes after the schedule start time in order to enable the tenant to call in. The tenant(s) failed to appear. I confirmed that the correct call-in numbers and participant codes had been provided in the Notice of Hearing. I then proceeded with the hearing. The landlord was given a full opportunity to present affirmed testimony, to make submissions and to call witnesses.

On the basis of the solemnly affirmed evidence presented at the hearing a decision has been reached. The landlord testified that the tenant told her on November 2, 2018 that he did not wish to remain in the rental unit and that he was vacating. The rent for November 2018 was paid by the tenant and accepted by the landlord "for use and occupation only."

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 the Applicant failed to appear and the Respondent was present I ordered the application dismissed without liberty to reapply.

Order for Possession:

The Residential Tenancy Act provides that where an arbitrator has dismissed a tenant's application to cancel a Notice to End Tenancy, the arbitrator must grant an Order for Possession. The landlord used the approved government form. As a result I granted the landlord an Order for Possession effective November 30, 2018.

The tenant must be served with this Order as soon as possible. Should the tenant fail to comply with this Order, the landlord may register the Order with the Supreme Court of British Columbia for enforcement.

This decision is final and binding on the parties.

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: November 19, 2018

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