

# **Dispute Resolution Services**

Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

## DECISION

Dispute Codes OPRM – DR, FFL

Introduction

This matter was conducted by way of Direct Request Proceeding, pursuant to Section 55(4) of the *Residential Tenancy Act (Act)*, and dealt with an Application for Dispute Resolution by the landlord for an order of possession and a monetary order due to unpaid rent. A participatory hearing was not convened.

The landlord submitted a signed Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding which declares that on November 26, 2018 the landlord served the tenant with the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding via registered mail. Section 90 of the *Act* states a document sent by mail is deemed served on the 5<sup>th</sup> day after it is mailed.

Based on the written submissions of the landlord, I find that the tenant has been sufficiently served with the Dispute Resolution Direct Request Proceeding documents pursuant to the *Act*.

### Issue(s) to be Decided

The issues to be decided are whether the landlord is entitled to an order of possession for unpaid rent and to a monetary order for unpaid rent and recovery of the filing fee for this Application for Dispute Resolution, pursuant to Sections 46, 55, 67, and 72 of the *Act.* 

### Background and Evidence

The landlord submitted the following documentary evidence:

• A copy of a residential tenancy agreement which was signed by the parties on signed February 1, 2017 for a one-year fixed term tenancy beginning on

February 1, 2018 for the monthly rent of \$800.00 due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month and a security deposit of \$400.00 was paid;

- A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent that was issued on November 3, 2018 with an effective vacancy date of November 13, 2018 due to \$832.00 in unpaid rent and unpaid utilities in the amount of \$150.67 demanded by the landlord "now"; and
- A copy of a Notice of Rent Increase issued on December 29, 2017 increasing rent from \$800.00 to \$832.00 effective April 1, 2018.

Documentary evidence filed by the landlord indicates the tenant failed to pay the full rent owed for the month of November 2018 and that the tenant was served the 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent by posting it to the rental unit door on November 3, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. and that this service was witnessed by a third party.

The Notice states the tenant had five days to pay the rent or apply for Dispute Resolution or the tenancy would end. The tenant did not pay the rent in full or apply to dispute the Notice to End Tenancy within five days.

### <u>Analysis</u>

I have reviewed all documentary evidence and accept that the tenant has been served with notice to end tenancy as declared by the landlord. The notice is deemed to have been received by the tenant on November 6, 2018 and the effective date of the notice is amended to November 16, 2018, pursuant to Section 53 of the *Act*. I accept the evidence before me that the tenant failed to pay the rent owed in full within the 5 days granted under Section 46(4) of the *Act*.

Based on the foregoing, I find the tenant is conclusively presumed under Section 46(5) of the *Act* to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the effective date of the Notice.

### **Conclusion**

I find the landlord is entitled to an order of possession effective **two days after service on the tenant**. This order must be served on the tenant. If the tenant fails to comply with this order the landlord may file the order with the Supreme Court of British Columbia and be enforced as an order of that Court.

I find the landlord is entitled to monetary compensation pursuant to Section 67 and I grant a monetary order in the amount of **\$932.00** comprised of rent owed in the amount

of \$832.00 and \$100.00 for the filing fee. I note the landlord did not apply to recover any utility costs.

This order must be served on the tenant. If the tenant fails to comply with this order the landlord may file the order in the Provincial Court (Small Claims) and be enforced as an order of that Court.

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: December 03, 2018

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