

# **Dispute Resolution Services**

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding CHS HOLDINGS C/O MARTELLO PROPERTY SERVICES and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

## **DECISION**

<u>Dispute Codes</u> OPRM-DR, FFL

#### <u>Introduction</u>

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

The landlord submitted a signed Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding which declares that on November 29, 2018, the landlord sent the tenant the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding by registered mail to the rental unit. The landlord provided a copy of the Canada Post Customer Receipt containing the Tracking Number to confirm this mailing. Based on the written submissions of the landlord and in accordance with sections 89 and 90 of the *Act*, I find that the tenant is deemed to have been served with the Direct Request Proceeding documents on December 4, 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 residential tenancy agreement which was signed by a landlord who is not the applicant and the tenant on March 25, 2017, indicating a monthly rent of

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\$2,150.00, due on the first day of each month for a tenancy commencing on April 1, 2017;

- A copy of a letter showing the transfer of management responsibilities/ownership from the former landlord, who is named on the residential tenancy agreement, to the current landlord who is applying for dispute resolution;
- A copy of e-mails exchanged between the landlord and the tenant discussing parking fees in the amount of \$100.00 per month;
- A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent (the 10 Day Notice) dated November 14, 2018, for \$6,900.00 in unpaid rent. The 10 Day Notice provides that the tenant 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 the stated effective vacancy date of November 27, 2018;
- A copy of a witnessed Proof of Service Notice to End Tenancy form which indicates that the 10 Day Notice was posted to the tenant's door at 12:15 pm on November 15, 2018; and
- A Direct Request Worksheet showing the rent owing and paid during the relevant portion of this tenancy.

#### <u>Analysis</u>

I have reviewed all documentary evidence and in accordance with sections 88 and 90 of the *Act*, I find that the tenant was deemed served with the 10 Day Notice on November 18, 2018, three days after its posting.

I find that the tenant was obligated to pay the monthly rent in the amount of \$2,150.00, as per the tenancy agreement.

I accept the evidence before me that the tenant has failed to pay the rent owed in full within the five days granted under section 46(4) of the *Act* and did not dispute the 10 Day Notice within that five day period.

Based on the foregoing, I find that the tenant is conclusively presumed under sections 46(5) and 53(2) of the *Act* to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the corrected effective date of the 10 Day Notice, November 28, 2018.

I note that the only monetary award available to a landlord by way of the direct request process is for unpaid rent and unpaid utilities. As the landlord has also sought a monetary award for matters relating to six parking fees in the amount of \$100.00 per

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month, I would not be able to consider this aspect of the landlord's claim through the

direct request process.

Therefore, I find that the landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession and a monetary award in the amount of \$6,300.00, the amount claimed by the landlord, for unpaid rent

owing for the period of June 2018 to November 2018 as of November 27, 2018.

As the landlord was partially successful in this application, I find that the landlord is

entitled to recover the \$100.00 filing fee paid for this application.

Conclusion

I grant an Order of Possession to the landlord effective two days after service of this

**Order** on the tenant. Should the tenant fail to comply with this Order, this Order may be

filed and enforced as an Order of the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

Pursuant to sections 67 and 72 of the Act, I grant the landlord a Monetary Order in the

amount of \$6,400.00 for rent owed for the period of June 2018 to November 2018 and for the recovery of the filing fee for this application. The landlord is provided with this

Order in the above terms and the tenant must be served with this Order as soon as possible. Should the tenant fail to comply with this Order, this Order may be filed in the

Small Claims Division of the Provincial Court and enforced as an Order of that Court.

I dismiss the landlord's application for a Monetary Order for parking fees with leave to

reapply.

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 07, 2018

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