

# **Dispute Resolution Services**

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding LANGLEY LIONS HOUSING SOCIETY and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

# **DECISION**

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

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

The landlord submitted two signed Proofs of Service of the Notices of Direct Request Proceeding which declare that on February 8, 2019, the landlord personally served each of the tenants the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding. The landlord had a witness sign the Proofs of Service of the Notices of Direct Request Proceeding to confirm personal service. Based on the written submissions of the landlord and in accordance with section 89 of the *Act*, I find that the tenants have been duly served with the Direct Request Proceeding documents on February 8, 2019.

## 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*?

### Background and Evidence

The landlord submitted the following evidentiary material:

 A copy of a residential tenancy agreement which was signed by the landlord and the tenants on March 29, 2017, indicating a monthly rent of \$850.00, due on the first day of each month for a tenancy commencing on May 1, 2017;

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- A copy of an application for subsidy form establishing the tenants' monthly rent contribution at \$510.00 as of May 1, 2017;
- A copy of a Notice of Rent Increase form showing the rent being increased from \$850.00 to the monthly rent amount of \$880.00;
- A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent (the 10 Day Notice) dated January 8, 2019, for \$880.00 in unpaid rent. 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 the stated effective vacancy date of January 18, 2019;
- A copy of a Proof of Service Notice to End Tenancy form which was signed by Tenant D.S. and indicates that the 10 Day Notice was personally served to the tenants at 3:49 pm on January 8, 2019; and
- A Direct Request Worksheet showing the rent owing and paid during the relevant portion of this tenancy.

#### **Analysis**

I have reviewed all documentary evidence and in accordance with section 88 of the *Act,* I find that the tenants were duly served with the 10 Day Notice on January 8, 2019.

I accept the evidence before me that the tenants have 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 tenants are conclusively presumed under section 46(5) of the *Act* to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the effective date of the 10 Day Notice, January 18, 2019.

Therefore, I find that the landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession for unpaid rent owing for January 2019 as of February 4, 2019.

I note that the landlord has submitted an application for subsidy form establishing the tenants' monthly rent contribution at \$510.00. The landlord has also submitted a Notice of Rent Increase indicating the monthly rent is \$880.00. I find that I am not able to

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confirm the amount of the monthly rent payable and for this reason the landlord's application for a Monetary Order for unpaid rent is dismissed with leave to reapply.

## Conclusion

I grant an Order of Possession to the landlord effective **two days after service of this Order** on the tenant(s). Should the tenant(s) fail to comply with this Order, this Order may be filed and enforced as an Order of the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

I dismiss the landlord's application for a Monetary Order for unpaid rent 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: February 11, 2019

Residential Tenancy Branch