

# **Dispute Resolution Services**

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 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 March 31, 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 March 31, 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*?

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 the landlord and the tenants on July 14, 2015, indicating a monthly rent of \$2,200.00, due on the fifteenth day of each month for a tenancy commencing on July 15, 2015;

- A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent (the 10 Day Notice) dated March 22, 2019, for \$2,200.00 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 April 1, 2019;
- A copy of a Proof of Service Notice to End Tenancy form which was signed by Person D.M. and indicates that the 10 Day Notice was personally served to Person D.M., an adult who resides with the tenants, at 9:00 am on March 22, 2019;
- A copy of a receipt dated March 28, 2019, for \$2,200.00 of rent, paid by the tenants, which the landlord has indicated is "for use and occupancy only"; 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 section 88 of the *Act,* I find that the tenants were duly served with the 10 Day Notice on March 22, 2019.

I find that the tenants were obligated to pay the monthly rent in the amount of \$2,200.00, as per the tenancy agreement.

I accept the evidence before me that the tenants have failed to pay the rent owed in full by March 27, 2019, 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, April 1, 2019.

Therefore, I find that the landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession for unpaid rent as of March 29, 2019.

The landlord has indicated that \$2,200.00 of the \$2,200.00 identified as owing on the 10 Day Notice was paid by e-transfer. As the tenants have paid the amount owing, the

landlord's application for a Monetary Order for unpaid rent is dismissed without leave to reapply.

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(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.

Pursuant to section 72 of the *Act*, I grant the landlord a Monetary Order in the amount of \$100.00 for the recovery of the filing fee for this application. The landlord is provided with this Order in the above terms and the tenant(s) must be served with **this Order** as soon as possible. Should the tenant(s) 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 unpaid rent owing for March 2019, without 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: April 03, 2019

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