



Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes OPR, MNR, MNSD & FF

The Application for Dispute Resolution filed by the landlord makes the following claims:

- a. An Order for Possession for non-payment of rent
- b. A monetary order in the sum of \$6959 for unpaid rent and utilities
- c. An Order to retain the security deposit.
- 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 May 28, 2019. 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. All of the evidence was carefully considered.

I find that the 10 day Notice to End Tenancy was served on the Tenants by posting on April 1, 2019. Further I find that the Application for Dispute Resolution and Notice of Dispute Resolution Hearing was served on the tenants by mailing, by registered mail to where the tenants reside on April 13, 2019. I find that the Amendment to the Application for Dispute Resolution was sufficiently served on the Tenants. With respect to each of the applicant's claims I find as follows:

Issue(s) to be Decided:

The issues to be decided are as follows:

- a. Whether the landlord is entitled to an Order for Possession?
- b. Whether the landlord is entitled to A Monetary Order and if so how much?
- c. Whether the landlord is entitled to retain all or a portion of the security deposit/pet deposit?
- d. Whether the landlord is entitled to recover the cost of the filing fee?

Background and Evidence:

The parties entered into a fixed term written tenancy agreement that provided that the tenancy would start on January 15, 2018, end on February 28, 2019 and become month to month after that. The rent is \$2100 per month payable on the first day of each month. The tenant(s) paid a security deposit of \$1050 at the start of the tenancy.

The tenant(s) failed to pay the rent for the months of January 2019 (\$1750 is owed), March 2019 (\$1150 is owed), April 2019 (\$1150 is owed) and May 2019 (\$2100 is owed) and the sum of \$6200 remains owing. In addition the tenants owe utilities in the sum of \$759 for water, garbage etc. to the municipality to the end of March 2019. The total amount owing is \$6959.

The tenant(s) continue to reside in the rental unit. .

Analysis - Order of Possession:

I determined the landlord was entitled to an Order for Possession. There is outstanding rent. The Tenant(s) have not made an application to set aside the Notice to End Tenancy and the time to do so has expired. In such situations the Residential Tenancy Act provides the tenant is conclusively presumed to have accepted that the tenancy ends on the effective date of the notice, and must vacate the rental unit by that date. Accordingly, I granted the landlord an Order for Possession on 2 days notice.

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.

Analysis - Monetary Order and Cost of Filing fee:

I determined the tenant has failed to pay the rent for the month(s) of January 2019 (\$1750 is owed), March 2019 (\$1150 is owed), April 2019 (\$1150 is owed) and May 2019 (\$2100 is owed) and the sum of \$6200 remains owing. I determined the tenants owe the landlord the sum of \$759 for the cost of utilities owed to the Municipality. I granted the landlord a monetary order in the sum of \$6959 plus the sum of \$100 in respect of the filing fee for a total of \$7059.

Security Deposit:

I determined the security deposit plus interest totals the sum of \$1050. I ordered the landlord may retain this sum thus reducing the amount outstanding under this monetary order to the sum of \$6009.

Conclusion:

I granted an Order of Possession on 2 days notice. I ordered that the Landlord shall retain the security deposit of \$1050. In addition I further ordered that the Tenant(s) pay to the Landlord(s) the sum of \$6009.

It is further Ordered that this sum be paid forthwith. The applicant is given a formal Order in the above terms and the respondent must be served with a copy of this Order as soon as possible.

Should the respondent fail to comply with this Order, the Order may be filed in the Small Claims division of the Provincial Court and enforced as an Order of that Court.

This decision is final and binding on both 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: May 28, 2019

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