



Dispute Resolution Services

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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 Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding forms which declare that on May 15, 2019, the landlord served each of the above-named tenants with the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding via registered mail. The landlord provided two copies of the Canada Post Customer Receipts containing the Tracking Numbers to confirm these mailings. Section 90 of the *Act* determines that a document served in this manner is deemed to have been received five days after service.

Based on the written submissions of the landlord, and in accordance with sections 89 and 90 of the *Act*, I find that the tenants have been deemed served with the Direct Request Proceeding documents on May 20, 2019, 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

I have reviewed all written submissions and evidence before me; however, only the evidence and submissions relevant to the issues and findings in this matter are described in this decision.

The landlord submitted the following evidentiary material:

- A copy of a residential tenancy agreement which was signed by the landlord's agent "BM" and the tenants on April 13, 2011, indicating a monthly rent of \$1,300.00 due on the first day of each month for a tenancy commencing on April 15, 2011. On the tenancy agreement, the landlord is listed as being the agent "BM";
- Copies of "Notice of Rent Increase" forms, provided to the tenants during the course of the tenancy, which demonstrate that the monthly rent was increased to the current amount of \$1,400.00;
- A Direct Request Worksheet showing the rent owing and paid during the relevant portion of this tenancy in question, on which the landlord establishes a monetary claim in the amount of \$260.00 for outstanding rent due by May 01, 2019, comprised of the balance of unpaid rent owed for the months of April 2019 and May 2019;
- A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent (the Notice) dated May 02, 2019, which the landlord states was served to the tenants on May 02, 2019, for \$1,400.00 in unpaid rent due on May 01, 2019, with a stated effective vacancy date of May 12, 2019;
- A copy of the Proof of Service of the Notice showing that the landlord's agent "BM" served the Notice to the tenants by way of posting it to the door of the rental unit on May 02, 2019. The Proof of Service form establishes that the service of the Notice was witnessed and a name and signature for the witness are included on the form.

The Notice restates section 46(4) of the Act which provides that the tenants had five days to pay the rent in full or apply for Dispute Resolution or the tenancy would end on the effective date of the Notice. The tenants did not apply to dispute the Notice within five days from the date of service and the landlord alleged that the tenants did not pay the rental arrears.

The applicant landlord, "EM", provided documentary evidence, in the form of a "2019 Property Assessment Notice" from the provincial assessment authority, to demonstrate that she is the registered owner of the residential property which comprises the rental unit. The applicant landlord EM also provided a written statement providing that the landlord listed in the tenancy agreement, BM, was an individual acting as her agent.

The applicant landlord EM provided a copy of an email message, dated May 14, 2019, in which BM provides a signed written attestation stating that she was acting as an agent on behalf of EM. In the written statement, BM attests that EM is the registered owner and landlord of the rental unit.

Analysis

I have reviewed all relevant documentary evidence provided by the landlord. Section 90 of the *Act* provides that because the Notice was served by posting the Notice to the door of the rental unit, the tenants are deemed to have received the Notice three days after its posting. In accordance with sections 88 and 90 of the *Act*, I find that the tenants are deemed to have received the Notice on May 05, 2019, three days after its posting.

I find that the tenants were obligated to pay monthly rent in the amount of \$1,400.00, as the landlord has established that the monthly rent amount was raised from the initial amount of \$1,300.00, as established in the tenancy agreement, to the current amount of \$1,400.00, as per the Notice of Rent Increase forms.

I accept the evidence before me that the tenants have failed to pay the balance of rental arrears due by May 01, 2019, in the amount of \$260.00, comprised of the balance of unpaid rent owed for the months of April 2019 and May 2019.

I accept the landlord's undisputed evidence and find that the tenants did not pay the rent owed in full within the five days granted under section 46 (4) of the *Act* and did not apply to dispute the 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 corrected effective date of the Notice, May 15, 2019.

Therefore, I find that the landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession and a monetary Order of \$260.00 for the balance of unpaid rent owed by May 01, 2019, as claimed on the landlord's Application for Dispute Resolution by Direct Request.

As the landlord was 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 sections 67 and 72 of the *Act*, I find that the landlord is entitled to a monetary Order in the amount of \$360.00 for unpaid rent, and for the recovery of the

filing fee for this application. The landlord is provided with these Orders 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 these Orders, these Orders may be filed in the Small Claims Division of the Provincial Court and enforced as Orders 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: May 24, 2019

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