

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes CNL, OLC, FF

Introduction

This hearing dealt with the tenant's application pursuant to the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the "Act") for:

- cancellation of the landlord's 2 Month Notice to End Tenancy for Landlord's Use of Property (the 2 Month Notice) pursuant to section 49;
- an order requiring the landlord to comply with the Act, regulation or tenancy agreement pursuant to section 62;
- authorization to recover his filing fee for this application from the landlord pursuant to section 72.

Both parties attended the hearing via conference call and provided testimony. Both parties confirmed the tenants served the landlord with the notice of hearing package and the submitted documentary evidence. The landlord confirmed that no documentary evidence was submitted. I accept the undisputed testimony of both parties and find that both parties have been sufficiently served as per section 90 of the Act.

Preliminary Issue(s)

At the outset, the tenants request for the landlord to comply was clarified. The tenant stated that they want compensation for a water bill, but confirmed that this was not noted on the application. As such, this portion of the tenants' application is dismissed with leave to reapply.

Issue(s) to be Decided

Are the tenants entitled to an order cancelling the 2 month notice?

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Are the tenants entitled to recovery of the filing fee?

Background and Evidence

While I have turned my mind to all the documentary evidence, and the testimony of the parties, not all details of the respective submissions and / or arguments are reproduced here. The principal aspects of the applicant's claim and my findings are set out below.

Both parties confirmed that the landlord served the tenants with a 2 month notice to end tenancy issued for landlord's use (the 2 month notice) dated May 2, 2019. The 2 month notice sets out an effective end of tenancy date of July 1, 2019 and the reason given as:

The rental unit will be occupied by the landlord or the landlord's close family member (parent, spouse or child; or the parent or child of that individual's spouse).

Extensive discussions took place between the two parties.

Analysis and Conclusion

Section 63 of the Residential Tenancy Act provides that the parties may attempt to settle their dispute during a hearing. Pursuant to this provision, discussion between the two parties during the hearing led to a resolution. Specifically, it was agreed as follows:

Both parties agreed to mutually end the tenancy on July 31, 2019, by which time the tenants will have vacated the rental unit.

The landlord agreed to withdraw the 2 Month Notice to End Tenancy for Landlord's Use dated May 2, 2019.

The tenants agreed to cancel their application for dispute.

Both parties agreed that the landlord shall pay to the tenants \$1,413.00 (equal to 1 months of rent and the cost of a water bill), which both parties agreed constituted a final and binding resolution of all monetary issues under dispute in both of this application for dispute resolution.

Both parties agreed that the above noted particulars comprised a full and final settlement of all aspects of the dispute arising from their applications for dispute resolution.

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The parties confirmed at the end of the hearing that this agreement was made on a voluntary basis and that the parties understood the nature of this full and final settlement of this matter.

In order to implement the above settlement reached between the parties, I issue an Order of Possession to be used by the landlord if the tenants fail to vacate the rental premises in accordance with their agreement by 1:00 pm on July 31, 2019. The landlord is provided with this order in the above terms and the tenant(s) must be served with this Order in the event that the tenants do not vacate the premises by the time and date set out in their agreement. Should the tenants fail to comply with this Order, the Order may be filed and enforced as an Order of the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

In order to implement the above settlement reached between the parties, I issue a monetary order in the tenants favour in the amount of \$1,413.00. I deliver this Order to the landlord in support of the above agreement for use in the event that the landlord does not abide by the terms of the above settlement. The tenant is provided with this Order in the above terms and the landlord must be served with a copy of this Order as soon as possible after a failure to comply with the terms of the above settlement agreement. 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 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: June 28, 2019

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