



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 a signed Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding form which declares that on June 14, 2019, the landlord’s agent served the tenant with the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding via registered mail. The landlord provided a copy of the Canada Post Customer Receipt containing the Tracking Number to confirm this mailing. 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 tenant has been deemed served with the Direct Request Proceeding documents on June 19, 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, in part, the following evidentiary material:

- A copy of a residential tenancy agreement which was signed by the landlord's agent and the tenant, indicating a monthly rent of \$900.00, due on the first day of each month for a tenancy commencing on March 09, 2018;
- A Direct Request Worksheet, with an accompanying rental ledger, showing the rent owing and paid during the portion of this tenancy in question, on which the landlord establishes that there is unpaid rent owed by June 01, 2019 in the amount of \$1,090.00, comprised of the balance of unpaid rent owed for the months encompassing the period of April 2019 to June 2019;
- A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent (the Notice) dated April 04, 2019, which the landlord states was served to the tenant on April 04, 2019, for \$640.00 in unpaid rent due on April 01, 2019, with a stated effective vacancy date of April 18, 2019; and
- A copy of the Proof of Service of the Notice showing that the landlord served the Notice to the tenant by way of posting it to the door of the rental unit on April 04, 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 tenant 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 tenant did not apply to dispute the Notice within five days from the date of service and the landlord alleged that the tenant did not pay the rental arrears.

Analysis

I have reviewed all 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 tenant is 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 tenant is deemed to have received the Notice on April 07, 2019, three days after its posting.

In a Direct Request proceeding, a landlord cannot pursue unpaid rent owed for a period beyond the due date for unpaid rent listed on the Notice issued to the tenant, in this case, April 01, 2019. Therefore, within the purview of the Direct Request process, I cannot consider the portion of the rental arrears arising from unpaid rent owed for the

months of May 2019 and June 2019, and will therefore make a determination based on the amount of unpaid rent indicated as being due by April 01, 2019, as indicated on the Notice provided to the tenant.

Based on the foregoing, I dismiss the portion of the landlord's monetary claim for unpaid rent owing for the months of May 2019 and June 2019, with leave to reapply. I will only consider the landlord's application for a monetary Order related to unpaid rent arising from the April 04, 2019 Notice issued to the tenant, which alerted the tenant to unpaid rent due by April 01, 2019.

According to the landlord's Application for Dispute Resolution by Direct Request, the Direct Request worksheet, and the rental ledger provided by the landlord, the tenant was required to pay a cumulative balance of unpaid rent in the amount of \$1,090.00 by April 01, 2019. The evidentiary material provided by the landlord depicts that a partial payment of \$450.00 was provided by the tenant on April 03, 2019, and a second partial payment of \$450.00 was provided by the tenant on April 05, 2019, resulting in a balance of unpaid rent owed by April 01, 2019 in the amount of \$190.00. On the landlord's Application for Dispute Resolution by Direct Request, the landlord states that the balance of unpaid rent owed for the month of April 2019 is \$190.00.

I find that the tenant was obligated to pay monthly rent in the amount of \$900.00, as established in the tenancy agreement. I accept the evidence before me that the tenant has failed to pay a balance of cumulative rental arrears in the amount of \$190.00, comprised of the balance of unpaid rent owed by April 01, 2019 for the month of April 2019.

I accept the landlord's undisputed evidence and find that the tenant 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 tenant is conclusively presumed under section 46(5) of the *Act* to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the effective date of the Notice, April 18, 2019.

Therefore, I find that the landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession and a monetary Order of \$190.00 for the balance of unpaid rent owed by April 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 dismiss the portion of the landlord's monetary claim for unpaid rent owing for the months of May 2019 and June 2019, with leave to reapply.

I grant an Order of Possession to the landlord effective **two days after service of this Order** on the tenant. 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 \$290.00 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 must be served with **this Order** as soon as possible. Should the tenant 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: June 28, 2019

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