



# Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch  
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

## **DECISION**

### Dispute Codes

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### Introduction

This application has been made via the Direct Request Proceeding; an ex parte process pursuant to section 55(4) of the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the *Act*.)

The landlord has applied requesting an order of possession and monetary order based on unpaid rent.

The landlord submitted a proof of service document which declares that on September 27, 2019 the landlord served the tenant notice of the direct request proceeding via registered mail to the rental unit address. The landlord provided a copy of a Canada Post receipt and tracking number as confirmation of service to the tenant.

Based on the written submissions of the landlord I find that the tenant has been served the proceeding documents in accordance with section 89(1)(c) of the *Act*.

In accordance with section 90(a) of the *Act* I find that the tenant is deemed served with notice of the direct request proceeding effective the fifth day after mailing; October 02, 2019.

### Issue(s) to be Decided

Is the landlord entitled to an order of possession based on unpaid rent?

Is the landlord entitled to a monetary order based on unpaid rent?

### Background and Evidence

The landlord submitted the following documents:

- A copy of a residential tenancy agreement which was signed by the landlord and the tenant on December 10, 2019, indicating a monthly rent of \$1,200.00, due each month. The first day of the rental period is not indicated;

- A copy of a 10 day Notice to end tenancy for unpaid rent or utilities (the Notice) issued on August 19, 2019 for rent due on August 15, 2019, with an effective date of August 30, 2019. The Notice indicated that the Notice would be automatically cancelled if the landlord received \$1,200.00 rent and \$100.00 utilities within five (5) days after the tenant was assumed to have received the Notice. The Notice also indicated that the tenant was presumed to have accepted that the tenancy was ending and that the tenant must move out of the rental unit by the date set out in the Notice unless the tenant filed an application for dispute resolution within five (5) days. A letter of demand for utility payment is not provided;
- A copy of a proof of service form signed by witness R.K. and landlord R.S., indicating that the Notice was served to the tenant by landlord by posting to the door on August 19, 2019 at 10:45 a.m.; and
- A direct request worksheet indicating that rent in the sum of \$1,200.00 due on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of each month was unpaid on July 15 and August 15, 2019.

### Analysis

Based on the evidence before me I find that the tenant owes rent in the sum of \$1,200.00 per month. I find that the evidence before me supports rent owed on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of each month, as indicated on the Notice issued by the landlord and the direct request worksheet.

Based on the written submission of the landlord I find, pursuant to section 88(g) that the Notice was served to the tenant by posting to the door of the rental unit on August 19, 2019.

Section 90(c) of the Act stipulates that a document that is posted on a door is deemed to be received on the third day after it is posted. Therefore, I find that the tenant is deemed to have received the Notice to end tenancy on August 22, 2019.

Section 46(1) of the Act stipulates that a 10 day Notice ending tenancy for unpaid rent and utilities is effective 10 days after the date that the tenant receives the Notice. As the tenant is deemed to have received this Notice on August 22, 2019, I find that the earliest effective date of the Notice is September 01, 2019.

Section 53 of the Act stipulates that if the effective date stated in a Notice is earlier than the earliest date permitted under the legislation, the effective date is deemed to be the earliest date that complies with the legislation. Therefore, I find that the effective date of this Notice to end tenancy was September 01, 2019.

In the absence of evidence to the contrary, I find that the tenant was served with a Notice ending tenancy that required the tenant to vacate the rental unit on the effective date of the Notice; September 01, 2019.

Section 46(4) of the Act stipulates that a tenant has five (5) days from the date of receiving the Notice ending tenancy to either pay the outstanding rent or to file an application for dispute resolution to dispute the Notice. In the circumstances before me I have no evidence that the tenant exercised either of these rights.

Section 46(5) of the Act provides:

*(5) If a tenant who has received a notice under this section does not pay the rent or make an application for dispute resolution in accordance with subsection (4), the tenant*

*(a) is conclusively presumed to have accepted that the tenancy ends on the effective date of the notice, and*

*(b) must vacate the rental unit to which the notice relates by that date.*

Therefore, pursuant to section 46(5) of the Act, as there is no evidence the rent was paid in full or that the tenant disputed the Notice, I find that the tenant accepted that the tenancy has ended on the effective date of the Notice; September 01, 2019.

Pursuant to section 55(4)(a) of the Act I find that the landlord is entitled to an order of possession. The order is effective **two (2) days after service** to the tenant. Should the tenant fail to comply with this order, this order may be filed and enforced as an order of the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

As there is no evidence before me that the tenant paid the rent, pursuant to section 55(4)(b) of the Act I find that the landlord is entitled to compensation in the sum of \$2,400.00 for July and August 2019 rent owed.

Pursuant to section 72(1) of the Act I find that the landlord is entitled to recover the \$100.00 filing fee from the tenant.

In the absence of proof of written demand for utility payment I find that the claim for utility costs is dismissed with leave to reapply.

The landlord is issued a monetary order in the sum of \$2,500.00 which must be served to the tenant. Should the tenant 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.

Conclusion

The landlord is entitled to an order of possession based on unpaid July and August 2019.

The landlord is entitled to a monetary order based on unpaid rent.

The claim for utility costs is dismissed with leave to reapply.

The landlord is entitled to filing fee costs.

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: October 15, 2019

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