



Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes:

OPR – DR; OPUM - DR

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 18, 2019 at 4:20 p.m., at the rental unit address M.C. personally served the tenant notice of the direct request proceeding. Witness J.W. signed the proof of service document, confirming service.

Based on the written submissions of the landlord I find that on September 18, 2019 the tenant was personally served the proceeding documents in accordance with section 89(2)(a) of the *Act*.

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 an agent for the landlord and the tenant on May 01, 2017, indicating a monthly rent of \$832.00 per month, due on the first day of each month;
- A copy of a Notice of Rent Increase in the approved form indicating rent was to be increased effective December 01, 2019 to monthly rent of \$852.80. That rent increase has not yet come into force;
- A copy of a 10 day Notice to end tenancy for unpaid rent or utilities (the Notice) issued on September 04, 2019, with an effective date of September 15, 2019. The Notice indicated that the Notice would be automatically cancelled if the landlord received \$832.00 within five 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 days;

- A copy of a proof of service form signed by the landlord J.W. and witness K.O., declaring the Notice was posted to the door of the rental unit on September 04, 2019 at 9 a.m. by J.W.; and
- A direct request worksheet indicating that September 2019 rent in the sum of \$832.00 was not paid.

Analysis

Based on the evidence before me contained in the tenancy agreement I find that the tenant owes rent in the sum of \$832.00 per month, to be paid on the first day of each month.

Based on the written submission of the landlord I find, pursuant to section 88(g) of the Act that the Notice was served to the tenant by posting to the tenant's door on September 04, 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 September 07, 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 September 07, 2019, I find that the earliest effective date of the Notice is September 17, 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 17, 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 17, 2019.

Section 46(4) of the Act stipulates that a tenant has five 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 by September 12, 2019.

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 17, 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 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 a monetary order in the sum of \$832.00 as compensation for unpaid rent owed to September 01, 2019.

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.

The landlord is issued a monetary order in the sum of \$932.00 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.

The landlord is entitled to a monetary order for September 2019 rent.

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 07, 2019

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