



# Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch  
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding ROYAL CITY LEGION HOUSING SOCIETY  
and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

## **DECISION**

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### Introduction

On November 19, 2019, the Landlord applied for a Dispute Resolution proceeding seeking an Order of Possession based on a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent (the "Notice") pursuant to Section 46 of the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the "Act"). On November 26, 2019, this Application was set down for a participatory hearing on January 16, 2019 at 11:00 AM.

R.R. attended the hearing as an agent for the Landlord; however, the Tenant did not attend the hearing. All in attendance provided a solemn affirmation.

He advised that the Notice of Hearing and evidence package was served to the Tenant by registered mail on November 29, 2019 (the registered mail tracking number is on the first page of this decision). This tracking history indicated that this package was signed for by the Tenant on December 3, 2019. Based on this evidence and solemnly affirmed testimony, in accordance with Sections 89 and 90 of the *Act*, I am satisfied that the Tenant was served the Landlord's Notice of Hearing and evidence package.

All parties were given an opportunity to be heard, to present sworn testimony, and to make submissions. I have reviewed all oral and written submissions before me; however, only the evidence relevant to the issues and findings in this matter are described in this Decision.

### Issue(s) to be Decided

- Is the Landlord entitled to an Order of Possession for unpaid rent?

### Background and Evidence

While I have turned my mind to the accepted documentary evidence and the testimony of the parties, not all details of the respective submissions and/or arguments are reproduced here.

R.R. stated that the tenancy started on October 1, 2015 and that rent was currently established at \$360.00 per month, due on the first day of each month. A security deposit of \$250.00 was also paid. He submitted a copy of the tenancy agreement as documentary evidence.

He advised that the Tenant has not paid rent for a considerable amount of time, so the Notice was finally served to the Tenant by posting it to his door on August 1, 2019. The Notice indicated that \$5,760.00 was outstanding on July 1, 2019 and that the effective end date of the tenancy was August 15, 2019. The Tenant has also not paid rent since service of the Notice. R.R. provided a rent ledger as documentary evidence to show rent arrears as of April 1, 2017.

### Analysis

Upon consideration of the evidence before me, I have provided an outline of the following Sections of the *Act* that are applicable to this situation. My reasons for making this decision are below.

I have reviewed the Landlord's 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent to ensure that the Landlord has complied with the requirements as to the form and content of Section 52 of the *Act*. I am satisfied that the Notice meets all of the requirements of Section 52.

Section 46 of the *Act* states that rent must be paid by the Tenant when due according to the tenancy agreement, whether or not the Landlord complies with the tenancy agreement or the *Act*, unless the Tenant has a right to deduct all or a portion of the rent.

Should the Tenant not pay the rent when it is due, Section 46 of the *Act* allows the Landlord to serve a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent. Once this Notice is received, the Tenant would have five days to pay the rent in full or to dispute the Notice.

If the Tenant does not do either, the Tenant is conclusively presumed to have accepted that the tenancy ends on the effective date of the Notice, and the Tenant must vacate the rental unit.

The undisputed evidence before me is that the Tenant was deemed to have received the Notice on August 4, 2019. According to Section 46(4) of the *Act*, the Tenant has 5 days to pay the overdue rent or to dispute this Notice. Section 46(5) of the *Act* states that *"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 is conclusively presumed to have accepted that the tenancy ends on the effective date of the notice, and must vacate the rental unit to which the notice relates by that date."*

As the fifth day fell on Friday August 9, 2019, the Tenant must have paid the rent in full or disputed the Notice by this day at the latest. The undisputed evidence is that the Tenant did not pay the rent or make an Application, and there is no evidence before me that permitted the Tenant to withhold the rent.

As outlined above, the undisputed evidence is that the rent was not paid in full when it was due, nor was it paid within five days of the Tenant being deemed to have received the Notice. Moreover, the Tenant did not establish that he had a valid reason for withholding the rent pursuant to the *Act*. In addition, the Tenant did not dispute the Notice. Ultimately, I am satisfied that the Tenant is conclusively presumed to have accepted the Notice.

As the Landlord's Notice is valid, as I am satisfied that the Notice was served in accordance with Section 88 of the *Act*, and as the Tenant has not complied with the *Act*, I uphold the Notice and find that the Landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession pursuant to Section 46 of the *Act*.

### Conclusion

The Landlord is provided with a formal copy of an Order of Possession effective **two days after service of this Order** on the Tenant. Should the Tenant or any occupant on the premises fail to comply with this Order, this Order may be filed and enforced as an Order of the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

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: January 16, 2020

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