

## **Dispute Resolution Services**

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding Four Green Properties Inc and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

## **DECISION**

Dispute Codes LRE, CNR, MT

## <u>Introduction</u>

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

- more time to make an application to cancel the landlord's 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent (the "10 Day Notice") pursuant to section 66;
- cancellation of a 10 Day Notice pursuant to section 46; and
- an order to suspend or set conditions on the landlord's right to enter the rental suite pursuant to section 70.

This matter was set for hearing by telephone conference call at 9:30 am on this date. The line remained open while the phone system was monitored for ten minutes and the only participant who called into the hearing during this time was the agent for the corporate respondent.

Rule 7.3 of the Rules of Procedure provides as follows:

**7.3 Consequences of not attending the hearing** – If a party or their agent fails to attend the hearing, the arbitrator may conduct the dispute resolution hearing in the absence of that party, or dismiss the application with or without leave to reapply.

Therefore, as the applicant did not attend the hearing by 9:40 am, and the respondent appeared and was ready to proceed, I dismiss the tenant's claim without leave to reapply.

Section 55 of the *Act* provides that:

If a tenant makes an application for dispute resolution to dispute a landlord's notice to end a tenancy, the director **must** grant to the landlord an order of possession of the rental unit if

- (a) the landlord's notice to end tenancy complies with section 52 [form and content of notice to end tenancy], and
- (b) the director, during the dispute resolution proceeding, dismisses the tenant's application or upholds the landlord's notice.

A copy of the 10 Day Notice was submitted into evidence. The landlord provided evidence that monthly rent in the amount of \$1,150.00 is payable on the first of each month and there was an arrear of \$1,150.00 as of January 2, 2020, the date of the 10 Day Notice.

As I have dismissed the tenant's application, and I find that the landlord's 10 Day Notice complies with the form and content requirements of section 52 as it is signed and dated by the landlord, provides the address of the rental unit, the effective date of the notice, and the grounds for the tenancy to end, I find that the landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession pursuant to section 55. As the effective date of the notice has passed, I issue an Order of Possession effective two (2) days after service.

Pursuant to section 59 of the Act and Rule of Procedure 2.2 the authority of the Branch is limited to the issues contained in the application for dispute resolution. While I accept the landlord's evidence that there is an arrear for this tenancy in the amount of \$3,525.00 as at the date of the hearing, I find that in the absence of an application seeking a monetary award I to not have the authority to issue an order. The landlord is at liberty to file an application for a monetary award for any rental arrear or damages and loss arising from this tenancy.

## Conclusion

The tenant's application is dismissed in its entirety without leave to reapply.

I grant an Order of Possession to the landlord effective **2 days after service 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.

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Dated: March 17, 2020