

# **Dispute Resolution Services**

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding Wall Street Holdings LTD-C/O Pacific Quorum and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

# **DECISION**

<u>Dispute Codes</u> OPR, MNRL, FFL

# Introduction

Pursuant to section 58 of the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the *Act*), I was designated to hear an application regarding the above-noted tenancy. The landlord applied for:

- an order of possession for unpaid rent, pursuant to sections 46 and 55 of the Act;
- a monetary order for unpaid rent, pursuant to sections 26 and 67 of the Act; and
- authorization to recover the filing fee for this application pursuant to section 72.

Although I left the connection open until 1:51 P.M. to enable the tenant to call into this teleconference scheduled for 1:30 P.M., the tenant did not attend this hearing. The landlord's representatives NH (the landlord) and RH attended the hearing and were given a full opportunity to be heard, to present affirmed testimony, to make submissions and to call witnesses. I confirmed that the correct call-in numbers and participant codes had been provided in the Notice of Hearing. I also confirmed from the teleconference system that the landlord and I were the only ones who had called into this teleconference.

The landlord affirmed he served the tenant the Notice of Hearing and the evidence (the materials) by registered mail sent on March 20, 2020. The tracking number is on the cover page of this decision.

I find the tenant was properly served in accordance with section 89(1)(c) of the Act. The tenant is deemed to have received the materials on March 24, 2020, in accordance with section 90 (a) of the Act.

### Issues to be Decided

Is the landlord entitled to:

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- obtain an order of possession, pursuant to sections 46 and 55 of the Act?
- a monetary order for unpaid rent pursuant to sections 26 and 67 of the Act?
- authorization to recover the filing fee for this application from the tenant?

# Background and Evidence

While I have considered the documentary evidence and the testimony of the landlord, not all details of his submissions and arguments are reproduced here. The relevant and important aspects of the landlord's claim and my findings are set out below.

The landlord testified the tenancy started on November 01, 2012. Monthly rent is \$900.00 and is due on the first day of the month. The landlord still holds a \$425.00 security deposit collected at the outset of the tenancy. The landlord testified a written tenancy agreement (not submitted into evidence) was signed on October 17, 2012.

The landlord submitted a copy of the 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent or Utilities (the Notice), dated February 12, 2020, for \$900.00 in unpaid rent. The effective date is February 24, 2020. The Notice was posted on the tenant's door on February 12, 2020.

The landlord affirmed the only outstanding payment is the one for February 2020's rent in the amount of \$900.00. The landlord affirmed the tenant continues to reside at the rental unit.

A witnessed Proof of Service of Notice to End Tenancy form (RTB-34) attesting the Notice was posted to the tenant's door at 8:05 P.M. on February 12, 2020 was submitted into evidence.

### <u>Analysis</u>

The Notice is dated February 12, 2020 and was posted to the tenant's door on February 12, 2020. I find the tenant was deemed served with the Notice on February 15, 2020, three days after it was posted to her door, in accordance with sections section 88(g) and 90(c) of the Act.

I accept the landlord uncontested testimony that the tenant must pay monthly rent of \$900.00 on the first day of the month and has been in arrears for \$900.00 for unpaid rent of February 2020. Section 26 of the Act requires that a tenant pay rent when it is due under the tenancy agreement.

I find the Notice is in accordance with section 52 of the Act, as it is signed by the landlord, gives the address of the rental unit, states the effective date and is in the approved form.

I correct the effective date of the Notice to February 25, 2020, in accordance with Section 53(2) of the Act.

The tenant has not disputed the Notice and is conclusively presumed under section 46(5) of the Act to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the corrected effective date of the Notice, February 25, 2020.

As the landlord was successful in this application, I find that the landlord is entitled to recover the \$100.00 filing fee.

As explained in section D.2 of Policy Guideline #17, the monetary amount or cost awarded to a landlord may be deducted from the security deposit held by the landlord. I order the landlord to retain the \$425.00 security deposit.

# In summary:

Monetary award	\$575.00
Security deposit	-\$425,00
Sub-total	\$1,000.00
Filing fee	\$100.00
February rent	\$900.00

I warn the tenant that she may be liable for any costs the landlord incur to enforce the order of possession.

## Conclusion

I grant an Order of Possession to the landlord effective **two days after service of this order** on 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.

Pursuant to section 67 of the *Act*, I authorize the landlord to retain the \$425.00 security deposit and grant the landlord a Monetary Order in the amount of \$575.00.

The landlord is provided with this order in the above terms and the tenant must be served with **this order** as soon as possible. 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.

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: April 22, 2020

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