

Dispute Resolution Services

Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes OPR-DR, FFL

Introduction

This matter proceeded by way of an *ex parte* Direct Request Proceeding pursuant to section 55(4) of the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the "*Act*") and dealt with an Application for Dispute Resolution filed by the Landlords for an order of possession based on unpaid rent and an order granting recovery of the filing fee.

The Landlords submitted signed Proof of Service - Notice of Direct Request Proceeding documents which declare that the Landlords served each of the Tenants with the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding and supporting documents in person on January 12, 2021, which service was witnessed by D.T. Based on the written submissions of the Landlords and in accordance with sections 89 and 90 of the *Act*, I find the Tenants were served with and received these documents on January 12, 2021.

Issues to be Decided

- 1. Are the Landlords entitled to an order of possession for unpaid rent pursuant to sections 46 and 55 of the *Act*?
- 2. Are the Landlords entitled to recover the filing fee for this application pursuant to section 72 of the *Act*?

Background and Evidence

I have reviewed all written submissions and evidence before me; however, only the evidence and submissions relevant to the issues and findings in this matter are described in this decision.

The Landlords submitted the following relevant evidentiary material:

- A copy of a residential tenancy agreement indicating a monthly rent of \$2,950.00 due on the first day of each month, for a tenancy commencing on December 22, 2020;
- A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent or Utilities dated January 5, 2021 for \$1,100.00 in unpaid rent (the "10 Day Notice"). The 10 Day Notice provides that the Tenants had five days from the date of service to pay the rent in full or apply for Dispute Resolution or the tenancy would end on the stated effective vacancy date of January 15, 2021;
- A copy of a signed Proof of Service Notice to End Tenancy form which indicates that the 10 Day Notice was served on the Tenants in person on January 5, 2021, which service was witnessed by D.T.;
- A copy of a Direct Request Worksheet showing the rent owing and paid during the relevant portion of this tenancy.

<u>Analysis</u>

I have reviewed all documentary evidence and I find that the Tenants were obligated to pay the monthly rent in the amount of \$2,950.00 as per the tenancy agreement.

In accordance with sections 88 and 90 of the *Act*, I find that the Tenants were served with and received the 10 Day Notice on January 5, 2021.

I accept the evidence before me that the Tenants failed to pay the rent owed in full within the five days granted under section 46(4) of the *Act* and did not dispute the 10 Day Notice within that five-day period.

Based on the foregoing, I find that the Tenants are conclusively presumed under sections 46(5) and 53(2) of the *Act* to have accepted that the tenancy ended on January 15, 2021, the effective date of the 10 Day Notice.

Therefore, I find the Landlords are entitled to an order of possession which will be effective two days after it is served on the Tenants.

As the Landlords are successful, I find they are also entitled to a monetary award in the amount of \$100.00 in recovery of the filing fee paid to make the application.

Conclusion

The Landlords are granted an order of possession which will be effective two days after it is served on the Tenants. The order of possession may be filed and enforced as an order of the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

The Landlords are granted a monetary order in the amount of \$100.00 in recovery of the filing fee for this application. The monetary order must be served on the Tenants. The monetary order may be filed in and enforced as an order of the Provincial Court of British Columbia (Small Claims).

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 28, 2021

Residential Tenancy Branch