

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes CNC

<u>Introduction</u>

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

• cancellation of the landlords' One Month Notice to End Tenancy for Cause, dated January 31, 2021 ("1 Month Notice"), pursuant to section 47.

The two landlords (male and female) and the tenant attended the hearing and were each given a full opportunity to be heard, to present affirmed testimony, to make submissions, and to call witnesses. This hearing lasted approximately 54 minutes.

The hearing began at 11:00 a.m. with only the two landlords and I present. The tenant called in late at 11:15 a.m., stating that he could not find the telephone number to call into the hearing. I informed the tenant about what occurred in his absence. The hearing ended at 11:54 a.m.

The male landlord confirmed receipt of the tenant's application for dispute resolution hearing package and the tenant confirmed receipt of the landlords' evidence. In accordance with sections 88, 89 and 90 of the *Act*, I find that the landlords were duly served with the tenant's application and the tenant was duly served with the landlords' evidence.

Both parties confirmed that they wanted to settle this application. Based on the consent of both parties, I recorded the settlement between both parties.

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Settlement Terms

Pursuant to section 63 of the *Act*, the Arbitrator may assist the parties to settle their dispute and if the parties settle their dispute during the dispute resolution proceedings, the settlement may be recorded in the form of a decision and orders. During the hearing, the parties discussed the issues between them, turned their minds to compromise and achieved a resolution of their dispute.

Both parties agreed to the following final and binding settlement of all issues currently under dispute at this time:

- 1. Both parties agreed that this tenancy will end by 1:00 p.m. on April 15, 2021, by which time the tenant and any other occupants will have vacated the rental unit;
- 2. The landlords agreed that their 1 Month Notice, dated January 31, 2021, was cancelled and of no force or effect;
- The tenant agreed that this settlement agreement constitutes a final and binding resolution of his application at this hearing.

These particulars comprise the full and final settlement of all aspects of this dispute for both parties. Both parties affirmed at the hearing that they understood and agreed to the above terms, free of any duress or coercion. Both parties affirmed at the hearing that they understood and agreed that the above terms are legal, final, binding and enforceable, which settle all aspects of this dispute.

During the hearing, I repeatedly confirmed the above settlement terms with the tenant. The tenant repeatedly affirmed, under oath, that he was agreeable to the above settlement terms and that he understood they were legal, final, binding and enforceable. The tenant repeatedly affirmed, under oath, that he agreed and understood that he could not change the settlement terms after the hearing was over and that he knew it was a full and final settlement of this application. The tenant was given ample time to discuss and review the terms of this settlement throughout this hearing and to ask questions about the above terms. This hearing lasted 54 minutes in order to facilitate the tenant's repeated questions and comments.

The terms and consequences of the above settlement were reviewed in detail, with both parties during the lengthy 54-minute hearing. Both parties had opportunities to ask questions and to negotiate and discuss the settlement terms in detail. Both parties affirmed under oath that they fully understood the above settlement terms and were agreeable to them.

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Conclusion

I order both parties to comply with all of the above settlement terms.

The landlords' 1 Month Notice, dated January 31, 2021, is cancelled and of no force or effect.

To give effect to the settlement reached between the parties and as discussed with them during the hearing, I issue the attached Order of Possession effective at 1:00 p,m, on April 15, 2021, to be used by the landlord(s) **only** if the tenant does not abide by condition #1 of the above settlement. The tenant must be served with this Order as soon as possible after he does not comply with the above agreement. 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.

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: March 15, 2021

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