



Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes OPR-DR, OPRM-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 Landlord for an order of possession and a monetary order based on unpaid rent, and an order granting recovery of the filing fee.

The Landlord submitted a signed Proof of Service Notice of Direct Request Proceeding document which declares that the Landlord served the Tenant with the Notice of Dispute Resolution Proceeding and supporting documents by registered mail on March 10, 2021. The Landlord submitted Canada Post receipts which included a tracking number in support. Pursuant to sections 89 and 90 of the *Act*, I find these documents are deemed to have been received on March 15, 2021, five days after they were mailed.

Issues to be Decided

1. Is the Landlord entitled to an order of possession for unpaid rent pursuant to sections 46 and 55 of the *Act*?
2. Is the Landlord entitled to monetary compensation for unpaid rent pursuant to section 67 of the *Act*?
3. Is the Landlord 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 Landlord submitted the following relevant evidentiary material:

- A copy of a residential tenancy agreement which was signed by the Landlord and the Tenant on September 9, 2020, indicating a monthly rent in the amount of \$2,750.00 due on the first day of each month, for a tenancy commencing on October 1, 2020;
- A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent or Utilities dated December 4, 2020 for \$7,850.00 in unpaid rent (the “10 Day Notice”). The 10 Day Notice provides that the Tenant 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 December 15, 2020. The 10 Day Notice indicates that it was served on the Tenant by registered mail;
- A copy of Canada Post tracking information which refers to a package sent by Xpresspost on December 4, 2020;
- A copy of an undated Xpresspost receipt. The Canada Post tracking information indicates a package was sent on December 4, 2020; and
- A copy of a Direct Request Worksheet showing the rent owing and paid during the relevant period.

Analysis

I have reviewed all documentary evidence and I find that the Tenant was obligated to pay monthly rent in the amount of \$2,750.00.

In accordance with sections 88 and 90 of the *Act*, I find that the Tenant is deemed to have received the 10 Day Notice on December 9, 2020, five days after it was sent to the Tenant by Xpresspost with a signature required. Service in this manner meets the definition of registered mail under section 1 of the *Act* because confirmation of delivery to a named person is available.

I accept the evidence before me that the Tenant failed to pay the rent owed in full within the five days after receipt of the 10 Day Notice 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 Tenant is conclusively presumed under sections 46(5) and 53(2) of the *Act* to have accepted that the tenancy ended on December 19, 2020, the corrected effective date of the 10 Day Notice.

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

I also find the Landlord has demonstrated an entitlement to a monetary award in the amount of \$7,850.00 for unpaid rent due on October 1, November 1, and December 1, 2020. Claims under the Direct Request Process are limited to the amount indicated on the 10 Day Notice. The Landlord remains at liberty to reapply for a monetary order for any additional unpaid rent or other losses.

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

The Landlord is granted a monetary order in the amount of \$7,950.00 for unpaid rent and in recovery of the filing fee for this application. The monetary order must be served on the Tenant. 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: March 19, 2021

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