

# **Dispute Resolution Services**

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

## **DECISION**

<u>Dispute Codes</u> 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 by the landlord for an Order of Possession based on unpaid rent and a Monetary Order.

The landlord submitted a signed Proof of Service Notice of Direct Request Proceeding which declares that on May 12, 2021, the landlord sent Tenant Je.D. the Notice of Dispute Resolution Proceeding - Direct Request by registered mail to the rental unit. The landlord provided a copy of the Canada Post Customer Receipt containing the tracking number to confirm this mailing. Based on the written submissions of the landlord and in accordance with sections 89 and 90 of the *Act*, I find that Tenant Je.D. is deemed to have been served with the Direct Request Proceeding documents on May 17, 2021, the fifth day after their registered mailing.

The landlord submitted a signed Proof of Service Notice of Direct Request Proceeding which declares that on May 14, 2021, the landlord sent Tenant Ja.D. the Notice of Dispute Resolution Proceeding - Direct Request by registered mail to the rental unit. The landlord provided a copy of the Canada Post Customer Receipt containing the tracking number to confirm this mailing. Based on the written submissions of the landlord and in accordance with sections 89 and 90 of the *Act*, I find that Tenant Ja.D. is deemed to have been served with the Direct Request Proceeding documents on May 19, 2021, the fifth day after their registered mailing.

#### Issue(s) to be Decided

Is the landlord entitled to an Order of Possession for unpaid rent pursuant to sections 46 and 55 of the *Act*?

Is the landlord entitled to monetary compensation for unpaid rent pursuant to section 67 of the *Act*?

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Is the landlord entitled to recover the filing fee for this application pursuant to section 72 of the *Act*?

## Background and Evidence

The landlord submitted the following relevant evidentiary material:

- A copy of a residential tenancy agreement which was signed by the landlord and Tenant Je.D. on November 23, 2020, indicating a monthly rent of \$2,400.00, due on the first day of each month for a tenancy commencing on December 1, 2020
- A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent (the 10 Day Notice) dated March 1, 2021, for \$7,200.00 in unpaid rent. 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 March 12, 2021
- A copy of a witnessed Proof of Service Notice to End Tenancy form which indicates that the 10 Day Notice was personally served to the tenants at 10:00 am on March 1, 2021
- A Direct Request Worksheet

## <u>Analysis</u>

Paragraph 12 (1) (b) of the Residential Tenancy Regulation establishes that a tenancy agreement is required to be "signed and dated by both the landlord and the tenant."

I find that Tenant Ja.D. has not signed the tenancy agreement, which is a requirement of the direct request process. For this reason, I will only proceed with the portion of the landlord's application naming Tenant Je.D. as a respondent.

I find that Tenant Je.D. was obligated to pay the monthly rent in the amount of \$2,400.00, as per the tenancy agreement.

In accordance with section 88 of the *Act*, I find that Tenant Je.D. was duly served with the 10 Day Notice on March 1, 2021.

I accept the evidence before me that Tenant Je.D. has 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 Tenant Je.D. is conclusively presumed under section 46(5) of the *Act* to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the effective date of the 10 Day Notice, March 12, 2021.

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Therefore, I find that the landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession for unpaid rent as of the date of this application, April 6, 2021.

The Direct Request Worksheet must clearly show all months for which the tenant owes rent to substantiate the landlord's monetary claim. I find the Direct Request Worksheet only lists rent owing for March 2021, in the amount of \$7,200.00.

I find I am not able to determine which months are owing and for this reason the landlord's application for a Monetary Order for unpaid rent is dismissed with leave to reapply.

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

# Conclusion

I grant an Order of Possession to the landlord effective **two days after service of this Order** on Tenant Je.D. Should Tenant Je.D. and any other occupant 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 72 of the *Act*, I grant the landlord a Monetary Order in the amount of \$100.00 for the recovery of the filing fee for this application. The landlord is provided with this Order in the above terms and Tenant Je.D. must be served with **this Order** as soon as possible. Should Tenant Je.D. 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.

I dismiss the landlord's application for a Monetary Order for unpaid rent with leave to reapply.

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: May 26, 2021

Residential Tenancy Branch