

# **Dispute Resolution Services**

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding WESTWOOD MANAGEMENT CORP and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

## **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 landlord's One Month Notice to End Tenancy for Cause, dated February 12, 2021 ("1 Month Notice"), pursuant to section 47.

The landlord's agent ("landlord"), the tenant, and the tenant's advocate 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 35 minutes.

The landlord confirmed that he was the owner of the landlord company named in this application and that he had permission to speak on its behalf. The tenant confirmed that her advocate had permission to represent her at this hearing.

At the outset of the hearing, I informed both parties that they were not permitted to record the hearing, as per Rule 6.11 of the Residential Tenancy Branch ("RTB") *Rules of Procedure*. During the hearing, the landlord, the tenant, and the tenant's advocate all affirmed under oath that they would not record this hearing.

I explained the hearing and settlement processes to both parties. Both parties had an opportunity to ask questions. Neither party made any adjournment or accommodation requests. Both parties confirmed that they were ready to proceed with the hearing, they did not want me to make a decision, and they wanted to settle this application.

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

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The landlord confirmed that he did not submit any evidence for this hearing, but he sent evidence for another file for the landlord's expedited application, which was cancelled. The tenant's advocate confirmed that the tenant received the evidence for the other file, but not this file. I notified the landlord that I did not receive his evidence, as it was not transferred over from the other file. As both parties settled this application and I was not required to make a decision or to consider the landlord's evidence, I decline to make findings regarding service of the landlord's evidence.

The tenant's advocate confirmed that the tenant received the landlord's 1 Month Notice. In accordance with sections 88 and 90 of the *Act*, I find that the tenant was duly served with the landlord's 1 Month Notice.

Pursuant to section 64(3)(c) of the *Act*, I amend the tenant's application to correct the spelling of the landlord company name and to add the tenant's middle name. Both parties consented to these amendments during this hearing.

#### **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 June 30, 2021, by which time the tenant and any other occupants will have vacated the rental unit;
- 2. The landlord agreed that all of the landlord's notices to end tenancy, issued to the tenant, to date, are cancelled and of no force or effect;
- 3. The tenant agreed that this settlement agreement constitutes a final and binding resolution of her 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.

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During the hearing, I repeatedly confirmed the above settlement terms with the tenant and her advocate. The tenant repeatedly affirmed, under oath, that she was agreeable to the above settlement terms and that she understood they were legal, final, binding and enforceable. The tenant affirmed, under oath, that she agreed and understood that she could not change the settlement terms after the hearing was over and that she knew it was a full and final settlement of this application. The tenant affirmed, under oath, that she was making this agreement voluntarily, of her own free will. The tenant was given ample time to discuss and review the terms of this settlement privately with her advocate throughout this hearing and to ask questions about the above terms. This hearing lasted 35 minutes in order to facilitate the tenant's and her advocate's repeated questions and comments.

The terms and consequences of the above settlement were reviewed in detail, with both parties during the 35-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.

### Conclusion

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 June 30, 2021, to be used by the landlord **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 she 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.

All of the landlord's notices to end tenancy, issued to the tenant, to date, are cancelled and of no force or effect.

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: June 01, 2021

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