



Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding CITY OF VANCOUVER
and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

DECISION

Dispute Codes **OPR-DR**

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 to obtain an order of possession based on unpaid rent.

This decision is written based on the Application for Dispute Resolution, evidence, and submissions provided by the Landlord on July 20, 2021.

The Landlord submitted a copy of a witnessed Proof of Service Notice of Direct Request Proceeding form which declares that on August 3, 2021, the Landlord personally served the Tenant the Notice of Dispute Resolution Proceeding - Direct Request.

Based on the written submissions and evidence of the Landlord and in accordance with section 89(1) of the *Act*, I find that the Direct Request Proceeding documents were served on August 3, 2021.

Issue to be Decided

Is the Landlord entitled to an order of possession for unpaid rent pursuant to sections 46 and 55 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 May 1, 2020, indicating a monthly rent of \$375.00, due on the first day of each month for a tenancy commencing on May 1, 2020;
- a copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent or Utilities (the “10 Day Notice”) dated June 17, 2021, for \$375.00 in unpaid rent. 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 June 30, 2021;
- a copy of a witnessed Proof of Service Notice to End Tenancy form which indicates that the 10 Day Notice was posted to the Tenant’s door at 3:35pm on June 17, 2021; and;
- a copy of a Direct Request Worksheet showing the rent owing and paid during the relevant period.

Analysis

Section 52 of the *Act* provides the following requirements regarding the form and content of notices to end tenancy:

52 *In order to be effective, a notice to end a tenancy must be in writing and must*
*(a) be **signed** and dated by the landlord or tenant giving the notice,*
(b) give the address of the rental unit,
(c) state the effective date of the notice...and
(e) when given by a landlord, be in the approved form...

I have reviewed all documentary evidence and I find that the 10 Day Notice is not signed by the Landlord. I further find that this omission invalidates the 10 Day Notice as the Landlord has not complied with the provisions of section 52 of the *Act*.

Therefore, I dismiss the Landlord’s application to end this tenancy and obtain an order of possession based on the 10 Day Notice dated June 17, 2021, without leave to reapply.

The 10 Day Notice dated June 17, 2021 is cancelled and of no force or effect.

Conclusion

The Landlord's application for an order of possession based on the 10 Day Notice dated June 17, 2021, is dismissed, without leave to reapply.

The 10 Day Notice dated June 17, 2021, is cancelled and of no force or effect.

This tenancy continues until it is ended in accordance with the *Act*.

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: August 20, 2021

Residential Tenancy Branch