

# **Dispute Resolution Services**

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# Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

### **DECISION**

<u>Dispute Codes</u> OPC, FFL; CNC-MT, FFT

#### <u>Introduction</u>

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

- an order of possession for cause, pursuant to section 55; and
- authorization to recover the filing fee for this application, pursuant to section 72.

This hearing also dealt with the tenants' application pursuant to the *Act* for:

- more time to make an application to cancel the landlord's One Month Notice to End Tenancy for Cause, dated April 27, 2021 ("1 Month Notice"), pursuant to section 66;
- cancellation of the landlord's 1 Month Notice, pursuant to section 47; and
- authorization to recover the filing fee for this application, pursuant to section 72.

The landlord, the landlord's agent, the female tenant ("tenant"), and the tenants' agent 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 25 minutes.

The landlord confirmed that his agent had permission to speak on his behalf. The tenant confirmed that she had permission to speak on behalf of the "male tenant," who did not attend this hearing. The tenant stated that her agent had permission to speak on behalf of the tenants.

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

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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 both applications.

Both parties were in receipt of the other party's application for dispute resolution hearing package. In accordance with sections 89 and 90 of the *Act*, I find that both parties were duly served with the other party's application.

The tenant was in receipt of the landlord's 1 Month Notice, that is the subject of both applications. A copy of the 1 Month Notice was provided for this hearing. The effective date on the notice is June 30, 2021. In accordance with sections 88 and 90 of the *Act*, I find that both tenants were duly served with the landlord's 1 Month Notice.

#### 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, 2022, by which time the tenants and any other occupants will have vacated the rental unit;
- 2. The landlord agreed that his 1 Month Notice, dated April 27, 2021, was cancelled and of no force or effect;
- 3. Both parties agreed to bear their own costs for the \$100.00 filing fees paid for both applications;
- 4. Both parties agreed that this settlement agreement constitutes a final and binding resolution of both parties' applications 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.

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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.

The terms and consequences of the above settlement were reviewed in detail, with both parties during this 25-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.

The tenant was given additional time during this hearing to speak privately with her agent, in order to ask questions, discuss, review, and agree to the above settlement terms.

## Conclusion

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

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, 2022, to be used by the landlord **only** if the tenant(s) do not abide by condition #1 of the above settlement. The tenant(s) must be served with this Order. Should the tenant(s) fail to comply with this Order, this Order may be filed and enforced as an Order of the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

The landlord's 1 Month Notice, dated April 27, 2021, is cancelled and of no force or effect.

Both parties must bear their own costs for the \$100.00 filing fees paid for both applications.

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: September 02, 2021

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