

Dispute Resolution Services

Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding YIN HO ENTERPRISES LTD. and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

DECISION

Dispute Codes OPR-DR, MNR-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 to obtain an Order of Possession based on unpaid rent, to obtain monetary compensation for unpaid rent, and to recover the filing fee paid for the application.

This decision is written based on the Application for Dispute Resolution, evidence, and submissions provided by the landlord on February 23, 2022.

The landlord submitted a signed Proof of Service Notice of Direct Request Proceeding which declares that on February 25, 2022, the landlord sent the tenant 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 the Direct Request Proceeding documents were served on February 25, 2022 and are deemed to have been received by the tenant on March 2, 2022, 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*?

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 March 1, 2021, indicating a monthly rent of \$2,500.00, due on the first day of each month for a tenancy commencing on March 1, 2021
- A copy of the first two pages of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent (the 10 Day Notice) dated February 1, 2022, for \$2,500.00 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 February 11, 2022
- A copy of a Proof of Service Notice to End Tenancy form which indicates that the 10 Day Notice was placed in the tenant's mailbox at 10:15 pm on February 1, 2022
- A Direct Request Worksheet showing the rent owing and paid during the relevant portion of this tenancy

<u>Analysis</u>

Section 46 (1) of the *Act* outlines the grounds on which to issue a notice to end tenancy for non-payment of rent:

<u>"A landlord may end a tenancy if rent is unpaid on any day **after** the day it is <u>due</u>, by giving notice to end the tenancy effective on a date that is not earlier than 10 days after the date the tenant receives the notice."</u>

I find that the tenancy agreement indicates that the monthly rent is due on the first of every month. I further find that the landlord has issued the 10 Day Notice on February 1, 2022, the same day that the monthly rent was due for February 2022, which is not in accordance with section 46 of the *Act*.

I find that the landlord has not complied with the provisions of section 46 of the *Act*, regarding the 10 Day Notice issued to the tenant.

Therefore, I dismiss the landlord's application to end this tenancy and obtain an Order of Possession based on the 10 Day Notice dated February 1, 2022, without leave to reapply.

The 10 Day Notice dated February 1, 2022, is cancelled and of no force or effect.

For the same reasons identified in the 10 Day Notice, I dismiss the landlord's application for a Monetary Order for unpaid rent with leave to reapply.

As the landlord was not successful in this application, I find that the landlord is not entitled to recover the \$100.00 filing fee paid for this application.

Conclusion

The landlord's application for an Order of Possession based on the 10 Day Notice dated February1, 2022 is dismissed, without leave to reapply.

The 10 Day Notice dated February 1, 2022, is cancelled and of no force or effect.

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

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

I dismiss the landlord's application to recover the filing fee paid for this application without 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: March 18, 2022

Residential Tenancy Branch