



Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

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.

The landlord submitted two signed Proof of Service Notice of Direct Request Proceeding forms which declare that on February 10, 2022, the landlord sent each tenant the Notice of Dispute Resolution Proceeding - Direct Request by e-mail. The landlord also provided a copy of an Address for Service form which was signed by the landlord and the tenants on July 28, 2021, indicating the tenants agreed to send and receive documents by e-mail.

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*?

Analysis

In this type of matter, the landlord must prove they served the tenant with the Notice of Dispute Resolution Proceeding – Direct Request and all documents in support of the application in accordance with section 89 of the *Act*.

Policy Guideline #39 provides that service by e-mail may be proven by providing:

- A **copy of the outgoing email** showing the email address used, the date the email was sent, and any attachments included in the email and

- The RTB-51 - Address for Service or other document that sets out the party's email address for service

The landlord has indicated that they sent the Notices of Dispute Resolution Proceeding - Direct Request to the tenants by e-mail. However, I find the landlord has not submitted a copy of the outgoing e-mail(s) containing the Direct Request documents as attachments to confirm this service.

I find I am not able to confirm service of the Notice of Dispute Resolution Proceeding - Direct Request to the tenants and for this reason, the landlord's application for an Order of Possession and a Monetary Order for unpaid rent is dismissed with leave to reapply.

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

Conclusion

I dismiss the landlord's application for an Order of Possession and 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 02, 2022

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