



Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding Centurion Property Associates
Inc and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

DECISION

Dispute Codes OPR-DR, MNR-DR, FFL

Preliminary Matters

I note that order of the tenants' names on the Application for Dispute Resolution (last, first) does not match the order of the tenants' names (first, last) shown on the tenancy agreement, the 10 Day Notice, and all other documents submitted with the Application. Section 64(3)(c) of the *Act* allows me to amend the application to reflect the tenancy agreement, which I have done.

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 May 12, 2022.

The landlord submitted two signed Proof of Service Notice of Direct Request Proceeding forms which declare that on May 19, 2022, the landlord sent each 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 Receipts containing the tracking numbers to confirm these mailings.

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 May 19, 2022 and are deemed to have been received by the tenants on May 24, 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 tenants, indicating a monthly rent of \$1,795.00, due on the first day of each month for a tenancy commencing on June 1, 2020
- A copy of a Notice of Rent Increase form showing the rent being increased from \$1,795.00 to the monthly rent amount of \$1,821.92
- A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent (the 10 Day Notice) dated April 11, 2022, for \$1,871.92 in unpaid rent. The 10 Day Notice provides that the tenants 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 April 26, 2022
- A copy of a Proof of Service Notice to End Tenancy form which was signed by one of the tenants and indicates that the 10 Day Notice was served to the tenants in person at 11:30 am on April 11, 2022
- A Direct Request Worksheet and ledger showing the rent owing and paid during the relevant portion of this tenancy

Analysis

I have reviewed all documentary evidence and I find that the tenants were obligated to pay the monthly rent in the amount of \$1,821.92, as per the tenancy agreement and the Notice of Rent Increase.

In accordance with section 88 of the *Act*, I find that the 10 Day Notice was duly served to the tenants on April 11, 2022.

I accept the evidence before me that the tenants have failed to pay the rent owed in full within the five days granted under section 46(4) of the *Act* and did not dispute the 10 Day Notice within that five-day period.

Based on the foregoing, I find that the tenants are conclusively presumed under section 46(5) of the *Act* to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the effective date of the 10 Day Notice, April 26, 2022.

In a Direct Request Proceeding, a landlord cannot pursue rent owed for an amount beyond the amount noted on the 10 Day Notice that was issued to the tenant. I find the 10 Day Notice only lists amounts owing for April 2022. For this reason, I cannot hear the portion of the landlord's monetary claim for rent owed for May 2022.

I also note that the only monetary award available to a landlord by way of the Direct Request process is for unpaid rent and unpaid utilities. As the landlord has also sought a monetary award for matters relating to parking in the amount of \$50.00, I would not be able to consider this aspect of the landlord's claim through the Direct Request process.

Therefore, I find that the landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession and a monetary award in the amount of \$1,821.92, the amount claimed by the landlord for unpaid rent owing for April 2022.

As the landlord was partially successful in this application, I find that the landlord is entitled to recover the \$100.00 filing fee paid for this application.

Conclusion

I grant an Order of Possession to the landlord effective **two days after service of this Order** on the tenant(s). 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.

Pursuant to sections 67 and 72 of the *Act*, I grant the landlord a Monetary Order in the amount of \$1,921.92 for rent owed for April 2022 and for the recovery of the filing fee for this application. The landlord is provided with this Order in the above terms and the tenant(s) must be served with **this Order** as soon as possible. Should the tenant(s) fail to comply with this Order, this Order may be filed in the Small Claims Division of the Provincial Court and enforced as an Order of that Court.

I dismiss the landlord's application for a Monetary Order for unpaid rent owing for May 2022 and for parking charges with 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: June 14, 2022

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