

# **Dispute Resolution Services**

Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

# DECISION

Dispute Codes OPR-DR, MNR-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 and a Monetary Order based on unpaid rent.

This decision is written based on the Application for Dispute Resolution, evidence, and submissions provided by the landlord on May 13, 2022.

The landlord submitted a copy of two Proof of Service Notice of Direct Request Proceeding forms which declare that on May 26, 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 two Canada Post Customer Receipts containing the tracking numbers to confirm they served the tenants.

Based on the written submissions and evidence of the landlord and in accordance with sections 89(1) and 90 of the *Act*, I find that the Direct Request Proceeding documents were served on May 26, 2022 and are deemed to have been received by the tenants on May 31, 2022, the fifth day after they were mailed.

#### Issues 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*?

#### Background and Evidence

The landlord submitted the following relevant evidentiary material:

- a copy of a residential tenancy agreement which was signed by the landlord on January 31, 2021 and the tenants on January 15, 2021, indicating a monthly rent of \$2,100.00, due on the first day of each month for a tenancy commencing on February 1, 2021;
- a copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent or Utilities (the "10 Day Notice") dated May 2, 2022, for \$2,100.00 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 May 17, 2022;
- a copy of two Proof of Service Notice to End Tenancy forms which indicate that the 10 Day Notice was sent to the tenants by registered mail on May 2, 2022. The landlord provided a copy of the Canada Post Customer Receipt containing the tracking number to confirm they served the tenants; and;
- a copy of a Direct Request Worksheet showing the rent owing during the relevant period.

## <u>Analysis</u>

I have reviewed all documentary evidence and I find that the tenants were obligated to pay the monthly rent in the amount of \$2,100.00, as per the tenancy agreement.

In accordance with sections 88 and 90 of the *Act*, I find that the 10 Day Notice was served on May 2, 2022 and is deemed to have been received by the tenants on May 7, 2022, five days after it was mailed.

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, May 17, 2022.

Therefore, I find that the landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession and a monetary award in the amount of \$2,100.00, the amount claimed by the landlord for unpaid rent owing for May 2022.

### **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 section 67 of the *Act*, I grant the landlord a Monetary Order in the amount of \$2,100.00 for rent owed for May 2022. 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.

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 20, 2022

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