

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

<u>Dispute Codes</u> OPR-DR

<u>Introduction</u>

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.

This decision is written based on the Application for Dispute Resolution, evidence, and submissions provided by the landlord on September 14, 2022.

The landlord submitted a Proof of Service Notice of Direct Request Proceeding which declares that on September 17, 2022, the landlord posted the Notice of Dispute Resolution Proceeding - Direct Request to the door of the rental unit. The landlord had a witness sign the Proof of Service Notice of Direct Request Proceeding form to confirm this service.

Based on the written submissions 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 September 17, 2022 and are deemed to have been received by the tenant on September 20, 2022, the third day after their posting.

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*?

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 January 1, 2022, indicating a monthly rent of \$1,100.00, due on the first day of each month for a tenancy commencing on January 1, 2022
- A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent (the 10 Day Notice)
 dated August 11, 2022, for \$2,700.00 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 August 21, 2022
- A copy of a witnessed Proof of Service Notice to End Tenancy form which
 indicates that, on August 11, 2022, the 10 Day Notice was handed to the tenant
 in person then left on the table beside the tenant when they refused to sign the
 form acknowledging receipt of the notice
- A Direct Request Worksheet showing the rent owing and paid during the relevant portion of this tenancy

<u>Analysis</u>

I have reviewed all documentary evidence and I find that the tenant was obligated to pay the monthly rent in the amount of \$1,100.00, as per the tenancy agreement.

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

I accept the evidence before me that the tenant has 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 tenant is 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, August 21, 2022.

Therefore, I find that the landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession for unpaid rent.

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Conclusion

I grant an Order of Possession to the landlord effective **two days after service of this Order** on the tenant. Should the tenant fail to comply with this Order, this Order may be filed and enforced as an Order of the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

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: October 18, 2022

Residential Tenancy Branch