

DECISION

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 the landlord's Application for Dispute Resolution (Application) for:

- an Order of Possession based on unpaid rent pursuant to sections 46 and 55
- authorization to recover the filing fee for this application from the tenants pursuant to section 72 (\$100.00)

Service of Notice of Dispute Resolution Proceeding - Direct Request

The landlord submitted a copy of two Proof of Service Notice of Direct Request Proceeding forms which declare that the tenants were served with the Notice of Dispute Resolution Proceeding - Direct Request (Proceeding Package) in accordance with section 89 of the Act. Based on the written submissions and evidence of the landlord:

- I find that tenant H.B. was served the Notice of Dispute Resolution Proceeding - Direct Request (Proceeding Package) on September 29, 2022, by registered mail, and is deemed to have received the Proceeding Package the fifth day after it was sent by registered mail. The landlord provided a copy of the Canada Post Customer Receipt containing the tracking number to confirm this service.
- I find that Tenant M.L. was served the Notice of Dispute Resolution Proceeding - Direct Request (Proceeding Package) on September 29, 2022, by registered mail, and is deemed to have received the Proceeding Package the fifth day after it was sent by registered mail. The landlord provided a copy of the Canada Post Customer Receipt containing the tracking number to confirm this service.

Issues to be decided

Is the landlord entitled to an Order of Possession based on unpaid rent?

Is the landlord entitled to recover the filing fee for this application from the tenant?
(\$100.00)

Background and Evidence

The landlord submitted the following evidentiary material:

- a copy of a residential tenancy agreement which was signed by the landlord and the tenants on July 27, 2022, indicating a current monthly rent of \$2,700.00, due on the first day of the month for a tenancy commencing on August 1, 2022;
- a copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent or Utilities (the 10 Day Notice) dated September 4, 2022, for \$2,700.00 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 September 14, 2022;
- a copy of a witnessed Proof of Service Notice to End Tenancy form which indicates that the 10 Day Notice was personally served to tenant M.L. at 1:44pm on September 4, 2022; and;
- a copy of a Direct Request Worksheet showing the rent owing during the relevant period.

Analysis

Is the landlord entitled to an Order of Possession based on unpaid rent?

Section 46 of the Act requires that upon receipt of a 10 Day Notice the tenants must, within five days, either pay the full amount of the arrears as indicated on the 10 Day Notice or dispute the 10 Day Notice by filing an Application for Dispute Resolution with the Residential Tenancy Branch. If the tenants do not pay the arrears or dispute the 10 Day Notice they are conclusively presumed to have accepted the end of the tenancy pursuant to section 46(5).

I have reviewed all documentary evidence and I find that the tenants were obligated to pay the monthly rent in the amount of \$2,700.00, as per the tenancy agreement.

In accordance with section 88 of the Act, I find that the 10 Day Notice was served to the tenants on September 4, 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, September 14, 2022.

Therefore, I find that the landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession based on unpaid rent pursuant to sections 46 and 55.

Is the landlord entitled to recover the filing fee for this application from the tenant?

As the landlord was successful in their 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 (2) days after service of this Order on the tenant(s)**. Should the tenant(s) or anyone on the premises 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 72 of the *Act*, I grant the landlord a Monetary Order in the amount of \$100.00 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.

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 31, 2022

Residential Tenancy Branch