

Dispute Resolution Services

Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

SETTLEMENT DECISION

Dispute Codes ET, FFL

Introduction

This hearing originally convened on November 3, 2022 and was adjourned to November 21, 2022 due to tenant A.C.'s medical condition. This decision should be read in conjunction with the November 3, 2022 Interim Decision. This hearing dealt with the landlords' application pursuant to the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the *Act*) for:

- an early termination of tenancy and Order of Possession, pursuant to section 56; and
- authorization to recover the filing fee from the tenants, pursuant to section 72.

Both parties attended the hearing and were each given a full opportunity to be heard, to present affirmed testimony, to make submissions, and to call witnesses. The tenants' son and the landlords' son attended the hearing to provide translation services and support for their respective parents.

Both parties were advised that Rule 6.11 of the Residential Tenancy Branch Rules of Procedure prohibits the recording of dispute resolution hearings. Both parties testified that they are not recording this dispute resolution hearing.

Per section 95(3) of the Act, the parties may be fined up to \$5,000.00 if they record this hearing: "A person who contravenes or fails to comply with a decision or an order made by the director commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of not more than \$5 000."

Both parties confirmed their email addresses for service of this Settlement Decision.

<u>Settlement</u>

Pursuant to section 63 of the *Act*, the Arbitrator may assist the parties to settle their dispute and if the parties settle their dispute during the dispute resolution proceedings, the settlement may be recorded in the form of a decision or an order. During the hearing the parties discussed the issues between them, engaged in a conversation, turned their minds to compromise and achieved a resolution of their dispute.

Both parties agreed to the following final and binding settlement of all issues currently under dispute:

- 1. The tenants agree to vacate the subject rental property by 1:00 p.m. on January 31, 2023.
- 2. The tenants agree to pay the landlords the security deposit, in the amount of \$700.00, via bank draft, by December 1, 2022.

These particulars comprise the full and final settlement of all aspects of this dispute for both parties. Both parties gave verbal affirmation at the hearing that they understood and agreed to the above terms as legal, final and binding, which settle all aspects of this dispute.

Conclusion

To give effect to the settlement reached between the parties and as discussed with them during the hearing, I issue the attached Monetary Order in the amount of \$700.00 to be used by the landlords **only** if the tenants do not abide by term 2 of the settlement agreement.

Should the tenants fail to comply with this Order, this Order may be filed and enforced as an Order of the Small Claims Court of British Columbia.

To give effect to the settlement reached between the parties and as discussed with them during the hearing, I issue the attached Order of Possession effective at 1:00 p.m. on January 31, 2023, to be used by the landlords only if the tenants do not abide by term 1 of the settlement agreement. The Order of Possession should be served on the tenants.

Should the tenants 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: November 21, 2022

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