

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

<u>Dispute Codes</u> CNC, LAT, OLC, FFT

<u>Introduction</u>

The Tenants seek the following relief under the Residential Tenancy Act (the "Act"):

- an order pursuant to s. 47 cancelling a One-Month Notice to End Tenancy signed on August 12, 2022 (the "One-Month Notice");
- an order pursuant to s. 62 that the Landlord comply with the *Act*, Regulations, and/or the tenancy agreement;
- an order pursuant to s. 70 for authorization to change the locks; and
- return of their filing fee pursuant to s. 72.

M.D. appeared as the Tenant and was joined by her father, R.D., who assisted the Tenant in the hearing. L.N. appeared as the Landlord's agent.

The parties affirmed to tell the truth during the hearing. I advised of Rule 6.11 of the Rules of Procedure, in which the participants are prohibited from recording the hearing. I further advised that the hearing was recorded automatically by the Residential Tenancy Branch.

The parties advise that they served their application materials on the other side. Both parties acknowledge receipt of the other's application materials without objection. Based on the mutual acknowledgments of the parties without objection, I find that pursuant to s. 71(2) of the *Act* that the parties were sufficiently served with the other's application materials.

Parties' Settlement

Pursuant to section 63 of the *Act*, I may assist the parties to settle their dispute and if the parties settle their dispute during the dispute resolution proceedings, the settlement

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may be recorded in the form of a decision or an order. During the hearing, the parties discussed the issues between them, turned their minds to compromise and achieved a resolution of their dispute.

The parties were advised that they were under no obligation to enter into a settlement agreement. Both parties agreed to the following settlement on all issues in dispute in this application:

1. The tenancy shall end by way of mutual agreement on February 28, 2023.

The settlement shall not be construed as a limit on the Tenant's ability to leave sooner, provided proper notice is given in accordance with s. 45 of the *Act*.

I confirmed that the Landlord and the Tenant entered into the settlement agreement voluntarily, free of any coercion or duress. I confirmed each detail of the settlement with the Landlord and the Tenant. Both parties confirmed having understood each term of the agreement and acknowledged it represented a full, final, and binding settlement of this dispute.

Since the parties were able to agree to settle their dispute, I find that neither party shall recover their filing fee from the other. The Tenants shall bear their own costs for their application and their claim for return of their filing fee is dismissed without leave to reapply.

Pursuant to the settlement, I grant the Landlord an order of possession pursuant to s. 55 of the *Act*. The Tenants shall provide vacant possession of the rental unit to the Landlord by no later than **1:00 PM on February 28, 2023**. All other aspects of the Tenants' application are dismissed.

I make no findings of fact or law with respect to this dispute. Nothing in this settlement agreement is to be construed as a limit on either parties' entitlement to compensation or other relief to which they may be entitled to under the *Act*.

If the Tenants do not comply with the order of possession, it may be filed by the Landlord with the Supreme Court of British Columbia 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: November 21, 2022

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