

## **DECISION**

### **Introduction**

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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 of the Act
- a Monetary Order for unpaid rent pursuant to section 67 of the Act (\$1,200.00)

### **Service of Notice of Dispute Resolution Proceeding - Direct Request**

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The landlord submitted a signed Proof of Service Landlord's Notice of Direct Request Proceeding which declares that the tenant was served with the Notice of Dispute Resolution Proceeding - Direct Request (Proceeding Package) by attaching the documents to the door of the rental unit. The landlord had a witness sign the Proof of Service Landlord's Notice of Direct Request Proceeding form to confirm this service.

Based on the written submissions of the landlord and in accordance with sections 89(2) and 90 of the Act:

- I find that Tenant D.H. was served on November 10, 2022 and is deemed to have received the Proceeding Package on November 13, 2022, the third day after its posting.

### **Issue(s) to be decided**

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

Is the landlord entitled to a Monetary Order for unpaid rent? (\$1,200.00)

### **Background and Evidence**

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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 evidentiary material:

- A copy of a residential tenancy agreement which was signed by the landlord and the tenant on September 29, 2021, indicating a monthly rent of \$1,200.00, due on the first day of the month for a tenancy commencing on October 1, 2021;
- A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent (the 10 Day Notice) dated October 4, 2022, for \$1,200.00 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 October 14, 2022;
- A copy of a witnessed Proof of Service Notice to End Tenancy form which indicates that the 10 Day Notice was posted to the tenant's door at 11:00 am on October 4, 2022;
- A Direct Request Worksheet showing the rent owing and paid during the relevant portion of this tenancy.

## **Analysis**

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### **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 tenant 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 tenant does 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) of the Act.

I have reviewed all documentary evidence and I find that the tenant was obligated to pay the monthly rent in the amount of \$1,200.00, 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 October 4, 2022 and is deemed to have been received by the tenant on October 7, 2022, three days after its posting.

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 sections 46(5) and 53(2) of the Act to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the corrected effective date of the 10 Day Notice, October 17, 2022.

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

### **Is the landlord entitled to a Monetary Order for unpaid rent?**

In this type of matter, the landlord must prove they served the tenant with the Notice of Dispute Resolution Proceeding – Direct Request and all documents in support of the application in accordance with section 89 of the Act.

Section 89(1) of the Act does not allow for the Notice of Dispute Resolution Proceeding - Direct Request to be given to the tenant by attaching a copy to a door at the address at which the tenant resides.

Section 89(2) of the Act does allow for the Notice of Dispute Resolution Proceeding - Direct Request to be given to the tenant by attaching a copy to a door at the address at which the tenant resides, only when considering an Order of Possession for the landlord.

I find that the landlord has served the Notice of Dispute Resolution Proceeding - Direct Request to the door of the rental unit at which the tenant resides, which is not a method of service permitted for monetary claims.

For this reason, the monetary portion of the landlord's application for unpaid rent, pursuant to section 67 of the Act, is dismissed, with leave to reapply.

## Conclusion

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I grant an Order of Possession to the landlord **effective two (2) days after service of this Order on the tenant**. Should the tenants 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.

I dismiss the landlord's application for a Monetary Order for unpaid rent with leave to reapply.

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: December 16, 2022

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Residential Tenancy Branch