

Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes

<u>File #910096814</u>: CNR <u>File #910096468</u>: OPC, FFL

Introduction

The Tenant seeks an order pursuant to s. 46 of the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the "*Act*") cancelling a 10-Day Notice to End Tenancy.

The Landlord files its own application seeking an order of possession pursuant to s. 55 of the *Act* after issuing a One-Month Notice to End Tenancy and it also seeks the return of its filing fee pursuant to s. 72.

L.C. appeared as the Tenant. R.P. 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.

Preliminary Issue – Style of Cause

The Tenant's application lists R.P. as the Landlord. However, the tenancy agreement and the Landlord's application lists a corporate entity as the Landlord.

At the outset of the hearing, I clarified with the Landlord's agents who, in fact, was the Landlord. The Landlord's agent confirmed that the corporate Landlord, as listed in the tenancy agreement, is the correct Landlord. I proposed the style of cause be amended to reflect the Landlord as stated in the tenancy agreement. The Tenant raised no objections with respect to the amendment. Accordingly, I amend the application pursuant to Rule 4.2 of the Rules of Procedure such that the style of cause reflects the Landlord as listed in the tenancy agreement.

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 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 will end by way of mutual agreement on February 5, 2023.
- 2. The Landlord agrees to return the security deposit of \$525.00 in full to the Tenant at the end of the tenancy. The Landlord shall return the security deposit in cash and the Tenant shall sign a form acknowledging its receipt from the Landlord.
- 3. The Landlord agrees to forego any claim for unpaid rent for January and February 2023.

I confirmed that the Landlord's agent 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's agent 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 Landlord shall bear its own costs for its application and its claim for return of their filing fee is dismissed without leave to reapply.

Pursuant to the parties' settlement, I grant the Landlord an order of possession. The Tenant shall provide vacant possession of the rental unit to the Landlord by no later than **1:00 PM on February 5, 2023**.

It is the Landlord's obligation to serve the order of possession on the Tenant. If the Tenant does 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.

Pursuant to the parties' settlement, I grant the Tenant a monetary order. The Landlord shall pay **\$525.00** to the Tenant, which shall be enforceable should the Landlord fail to return the security deposit to the Tenant.

It is the Tenant's obligation to serve the monetary order on the Landlord. If the Landlord does not comply with the monetary order, it may be filed by the Tenant with the Small Claims Division of the Provincial Court and enforced as an order of that Court.

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*.

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: February 02, 2023

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