



**Order under Section 69
Residential Tenancies Act, 2006**

Citation: HOMESTEAD v Costa, 2022 ONLTB 9704

Date: 2022-10-25

File Number: LTB-L-012533-22

In the matter of: 502, 27 ELMWOOD STREET
KINGSTON ON K7M8Y5

Between: HOMESTEAD Landlord

And

Melody Costa Tenant

HOMESTEAD (the 'Landlord') applied for an order to terminate the tenancy and evict Melody Costa (the 'Tenant') because the Tenant did not pay the rent that the Tenant owes.

The Landlord also claimed charges related to NSF cheques.

This application was heard by videoconference on September 12, 2022.

Only the Landlord's Legal Representative, Kimberly Adams, attended the hearing.

As of 10:31 a.m., the Tenant was not present or represented at the hearing although properly served with notice of this hearing by the LTB. As a result, the hearing proceeded with only the Landlord's evidence.

Determinations:

1. The Landlord served the Tenant with a valid Notice to End Tenancy Early for Non-payment of Rent (N4 Notice). The Tenant did not void the notice by paying the amount of rent arrears owing by the termination date in the N4 Notice or before the date the application was filed.
2. As of the hearing date, the Tenant was still in possession of the rental unit.
3. The lawful rent is \$1,544.00. It is due on the 1st day of each month.
4. Based on the monthly rent, the daily rent/compensation is \$50.76. This amount is calculated as follows: \$1,544.00 x 12, divided by 365 days.
5. The Tenant has paid \$3,088.00 to the Landlord since the application was filed.
6. The Tenant's rent cheque for March, 2022 was returned to the Landlord NSF, after the application was filed.
7. The rent arrears owing to September 30, 2022 are \$11,318.00.

8. The Landlord is entitled to \$140.00 to reimburse the Landlord for administration charges and \$140.00 for bank fees the Landlord incurred as a result of 7 cheques given by or on behalf of the Tenant which was returned NSF.
9. The Landlord incurred costs of \$186.00 for filing the application and is entitled to reimbursement of those costs.
10. The Landlord collected a rent deposit of \$1,544.00 from the Tenant and this deposit is still being held by the Landlord. The rent deposit can only be applied to the last rental period of the tenancy if the tenancy is terminated.
11. Interest on the rent deposit, in the amount of \$19.44 is owing to the Tenant for the period from August 26, 2021 to September 12, 2022.
12. Rent has come due since the hearing. I will direct the Landlord to apply any payments made by the Tenant since the hearing against the amounts owing set out in the order below.
13. I have considered all of the disclosed circumstances in accordance with subsection 83 of the *Residential Tenancies Act, 2006* (the 'Act'), including the impact of COVID-19 on the parties and whether the Landlord attempted to negotiate a repayment agreement with the Tenant, and find that the Landlord did attempt to negotiate repayment of the arrears of rent. In making this finding I considered the Landlord's Legal Representative's submissions that the Landlord reached out to the Tenant and the Tenant did not respond. As the Tenant did not attend and no other circumstances were presented to me, I find that it would be unfair to grant relief from eviction pursuant to subsection 83(1) of the Act.

It is ordered that:

1. The tenancy between the Landlord and the Tenant is terminated unless the Tenant voids this order.
2. **The Tenant may void this order and continue the tenancy by paying to the Landlord or to the LTB in trust:**
 - \$12,862.00 if the payment is made on or before October 31, 2022. See Schedule 1 for the calculation of the amount owing.

OR

 - \$14,406.00 if the payment is made on or before November 5, 2022. See Schedule 1 for the calculation of the amount owing.
3. The Tenant may also make a motion at the LTB to void this order under section 74(11) of the Act, if the Tenant has paid the full amount owing as ordered plus any additional rent that became due after November 5, 2022 but before the Court Enforcement Office (Sheriff) enforces the eviction. The Tenant may only make this motion once during the tenancy.
4. **If the Tenant does not pay the amount required to void this order the Tenant must move out of the rental unit on or before November 5, 2022**

5. If the Tenant does not void the order, the Tenant shall pay to the Landlord \$8,819.68. This amount includes rent arrears owing up to the date of the hearing and the cost of filing the application and unpaid NSF charges. The rent deposit and interest the Landlord owes on the rent deposit are deducted from the amount owing by the Tenant. See Schedule 1 for the calculation of the amount owing.
6. The Landlord shall apply any payments made by the Tenant since the hearing against the amounts in paragraph 2 and paragraph 5 above.
7. The Tenant shall also pay the Landlord compensation of \$50.76 per day for the use of the unit starting September 13, 2022 until the date the Tenant moves out of the unit.
8. If the Tenant does not pay the Landlord the full amount owing on or before November 5, 2022, the Tenant will start to owe interest. This will be simple interest calculated from November 6, 2022 at 4.00% annually on the balance outstanding.
9. If the unit is not vacated on or before November 5, 2022, then starting November 6, 2022, the Landlord may file this order with the Court Enforcement Office (Sheriff) so that the eviction may be enforced.
10. Upon receipt of this order, the Court Enforcement Office (Sheriff) is directed to give vacant possession of the unit to the Landlord on or after November 6, 2022.

October 25, 2022
Date Issued

Kathleen Wells
Member, Landlord and Tenant Board

15 Grosvenor Street, Ground Floor
Toronto ON M7A 2G6

If you have any questions about this order, call 416-645-8080 or toll free at 1-888-332-3234.

In accordance with section 81 of the Act, the part of this order relating to the eviction expires on May 6, 2023 if the order has not been filed on or before this date with the Court Enforcement Office (Sheriff) that has territorial jurisdiction where the rental unit is located.

**Schedule 1
SUMMARY OF CALCULATIONS**

A. Amount the Tenant must pay to void the eviction order and continue the tenancy if the payment is made on or before October 31, 2022

Rent Owing To October 31, 2022	\$15,484.00
Application Filing Fee	\$186.00
NSF Charges	\$280.00
Less the amount the Tenant paid to the Landlord since the application was filed	- \$3,088.00
Total the Tenant must pay to continue the tenancy	\$12,862.00

B. Amount the Tenant must pay to void the eviction order and continue the tenancy if the payment is made on or before November 5, 2022

Rent Owing To November 30, 2022	\$17,028.00
Application Filing Fee	\$186.00
NSF Charges	\$280.00
Less the amount the Tenant paid to the Landlord since the application was filed	- \$3,088.00
Total the Tenant must pay to continue the tenancy	\$14,406.00

C. Amount the Tenant must pay if the tenancy is terminated

Rent Owing To Hearing Date	\$13,005.12
Application Filing Fee	\$186.00
NSF Charges	\$280.00
Less the amount the Tenant paid to the Landlord since the application was filed	- \$3,088.00
Less the amount of the last month's rent deposit	- \$1,544.00
Less the amount of the interest on the last month's rent deposit	- \$19.44
Total amount owing to the Landlord	\$8,819.68
Plus daily compensation owing for each day of occupation starting September 13, 2022	\$50.76 (per day)