

IN THE MATTER between **NTHC**, Applicant, and **HBJ**, Respondent.

AND IN THE MATTER of the **Residential Tenancies Act** R.S.N.W.T. 1988, Chapter R-5  
(the "Act");

AND IN THE MATTER of a hearing before **Adelle Guigon**, Rental Officer,

BETWEEN:

**NTHC**

Applicant/Landlord

-and-

**HBJ**

Respondent/Tenant

**REASONS FOR DECISION**

**Date of the Hearing:** April 18, 2017

**Place of the Hearing:** Fort Smith, Northwest Territories

**Appearances at Hearing:** CS, representing the applicant

**Date of Decision:** April 18, 2017

**REASONS FOR DECISION**

An application to a rental officer made by FSHA on behalf of the NTHC as the applicant/landlord against HBJ as the respondent/tenant was filed by the Rental Office February 24, 2017. The application was made regarding a subsidized public housing residential tenancy agreement for a rental premises located in Fort Smith, Northwest Territories. The filed application was served on the respondent by registered mail signed for March 17, 2017.

The applicant alleged the respondent had repeatedly failed to pay the full amount of his rent when due and had accumulated rental arrears. An order was sought for payment of the rental arrears, termination of the tenancy agreement, and eviction. The requests for termination and eviction were withdrawn by the applicant's representative at hearing.

A hearing was scheduled for April 18, 2017, in Fort Smith, Northwest Territories. The Rental Officer appeared by telephone. CS appeared representing the applicant. HBJ was served notice of the hearing by registered mail signed for April 7, 2017. The respondent did not appear at the hearing, nor did anyone appear on his behalf. The hearing proceeded in the respondent's absence pursuant to section 80(2) of the *Residential Tenancies Act* (the Act).

*Tenancy agreement*

The applicant's representative testified and provided evidence establishing a residential tenancy agreement between the parties for subsidized public housing commencing April 1, 2012. I am satisfied a valid tenancy agreement is in place in accordance with the Act.

*Rental arrears*

The lease balance statements entered into evidence represent the landlord's accounting of monthly assessed rents and payments received against the respondent's rent account. All rents have been subsidized and are currently assessed at \$160 per month. Either no payments or insufficient payments were received in 11 of the last 16 months.

I am satisfied the lease balance statements accurately reflect the current status of the respondent's rent account. I find the respondent has repeatedly failed to pay the full amount of his rent when due and has accumulated rental arrears in the amount of \$1,180.

*Orders*

An order will issue:

- requiring the respondent to pay rental arrears in the amount of \$1,180; and
- requiring the respondent to pay his future rent on time.

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Adelle Guigon  
Rental Officer