

Dockets LR17017, LR17018 and LR17019 Order LR17-18

IN THE MATTER of three appeals filed under Section 25 of the Rental of Residential Property Act by Margaret Younker against Orders LD17-209, LD17-210 and LD17-211 dated September 15, 2017 issued by the Office of the Director of Residential Rental Property.

BEFORE THE COMMISSION

on Thursday, the 12th day of October, 2017.

John Broderick, Commissioner M. Douglas Clow, Vice-Chair



Compared and Certified a True Copy

(Sgd.) Susan Jefferson

Commission Administrator Corporate Services and Appeals **IN THE MATTER** of three appeals filed under Section 25 of the Rental of Residential Property Act by Margaret Younker against Orders LD17-209, LD17-210 and LD17-211 dated September 15, 2017 issued by the Office of the Director of Residential Rental Property.

Order

The Commission received three (3) Notices of Appeal from a lessor, Margaret Younker (the "Appellant"), requesting an appeal of Orders LD17-209, LD17-210 and LD17-211 each dated September 15, 2017 issued by the Acting Director of Residential Rental Property (the "Director"). The Notices of Appeal were received by the Commission on October 11, 2017.

Subsection 25(1) of the Rental of Residential Property Act R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. R-13.1 (the **Act**) reads as follows:

"25. (1) Any party to a decision or order of the Director, if the party has appeared or been represented at the hearing before the Director, may appeal therefrom by serving on the Commission, within twenty days after receipt of the decision or order of the Director, a notice of appeal in the form prescribed by regulation."

Subsection 33(3) of the Act reads as follows:

"33. (3) Where a document is delivered by ordinary mail, it is deemed to have been delivered on the third day after the date of mailing."

The Commission finds that the last date for filing the appeals would have been October 10, 2017. As the appeals were filed beyond the statutory appeal period, the Commission has no jurisdiction to hear the appeals.

The Commission does not have the authority to waive a requirement of the *Act* or extend the statutory appeal period. Accordingly, the appeals are disallowed and Director's Orders LD17-209, LD17-210 and LD17-211 remains in full force and effect.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the Island Regulatory and Appeals Commission Act and the Rental of Residential Property Act

IT IS ORDERED THAT

1. The Commission has no jurisdiction to hear the appeals as the Notices of Appeal were received after the statutory appeal period had expired. The appeals are therefore dismissed.

2. Director's Orders LD17-209, LD17-210 and LD17-211 remain in full force and effect.

DATED at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, this **12th** day of **October**, **2017**.

BY THE COMMISSION:

(sgd. John Broderick) John Broderick, Commissioner

(sgd. M. Douglas Clow) M. Douglas Clow, Vice-Chair

NOTICE

Sections 26.(2), 26.(3), 26.(4) and 26.(5) of the **Rental of Residential Property Act** provide as follows:

26.(2) A lessor or lessee may, within fifteen days of the decision of the Commission, appeal to the court on a question of law only.

(3) The rules of court governing appeals apply to an appeal under subsection (2).

(4) Where the Commission has confirmed, reversed or varied an order of the Director and no appeal has been taken within the time specified in subsection (2), the lessor or lessee may file the order in the court.

(5) Where an order is filed pursuant to subsection (4), it may be enforced as if it were an order of the court.

NOTICE: IRAC File Retention

In accordance with the Commission's Records Retention and Disposition Schedule, the material contained in the official file regarding this matter will be retained by the Commission for a period of 2 years.

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