IN THE FRANKLIN COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT, COLUMBUS, OHIO

SMALL CLAIMS DIVISION

PROPERTIES LTD.,

AN OHIO GENERAL PARTNERSHIP :

Plaintiff,

vs. : Case No. M 8908CVG-29204

ANDREA PAQUETTE :

and all occupants :

Defendants.

REFEREE'S REPORT

This matter came on for hearing before Referee Julius J. Nemeth.

Plaintiff was represented by Attorney Russell P. Herrold and defendant was represented by Attorney Pamela J. Eliopulos of the Legal Aid Society of Columbus.

At the beginning of the hearing, defendant by counsel moved to dismiss on the basis that the 30 day notice given in this case, which involves a mobile home, does not comply with Ohio Revised Code Section 3733.13 (D). The referee makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommendation:

FINDING OF FACT

The 30 day notice at issue (attached to the complaint as Exhibit I) states in pertinent part as follows: "you may have a defense available if it is later determined by a Court of record that the two material violations were unreasonable, that the rules of the park are not being enforced against other manufactured home park residents, or that the two violations were not willful and were not committed in bad faith". Ohio Revised Code Section 3733.13 requires that a notification shall contain all of the following: "(D) A statement that a defense available to termination of the rental agreement or two material violations of park or public health council rules, or of health and safety codes, is that the park rule is unreasonable, or that the park or public health council rule, or health or safety code, is not being enforced against other manufactured home park residents, or that the two violations were not willful and not committed in bad faith." The difference between the notice at issue and the statute is that the notice contains the words "the two material violations were unreasonable", while the statute contains the words "that the park rule is unreasonable". In addition, the notice does not contain any reference to a provision of a statute, code, or rule alleged to have been violated.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Since the requirements of Ohio Devised Code Section 3733.13 were not strictly complied with, the motion to dismiss must be sustained.

REFERE JULIUS J. NEMETH

JJN/mmc September 8, 1989

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