

COMMISSIONERS OF OXFORD

ORDINANCE NUMBER: **1611**

INTRODUCED BY: Carole Abruzzese

DATE OF INTRODUCTION: April 26, 2016

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF OXFORD TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NUMBER 1507 AND TO SET NEW WATER AND SEWER RATES FOR THE TOWN, COMMENCING JULY 1, 2016

WHEREAS, the Town of Oxford maintains public water and sewer systems for the benefit of the citizens of the Town of Oxford; and,

WHEREAS, the costs and expenses necessary to provide water and sewer services within the Town of Oxford have been analyzed by the Town's administrative staff and the Commissioners of Oxford; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Oxford have identified the necessity to increase water revenues to fund depreciation cost for the system and to allow for the annual replacement of arsenic reduction media, and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners have identified the need to prepare for the upgrade to the Wastewater Treatment System, including the cost of covering related legal and engineering fees, along with interim financing for loans and grants during construction and the need to reach sufficient rate amounts to operate the upgraded utility; and,

WHEREAS, the terms of the Maryland Water Quality Financing Administration's Drinking Water Loan Agreement requires that the Town of Oxford enact water and sewer rates sufficient to pay the principal and interest of the financing instrument; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners have determined that the following classifications and related water and sewer rates are necessary to continue to provide for the costs and expenses related to the maintenance, improvement and operation of the water and sewer utilities of the Town of Oxford, and to meet Oxford's responsibilities under the Bay Restoration Fund legislation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF OXFORD,

Section 1.: Effective July 1, 2016, the existing water and sewer rates for Oxford water and sewer service set forth in Oxford Ordinance 1507 are repealed.

Section 2: Effective July 1, 2016, the following water and sewer rates shall become effective.

Water/Sewer Rates – Per Quarter

Residential Fixed Water	23.00	24.00
Residential Fixed Sewer	40.00	43.00
First 9000 Gallons Water Usage	61.00	65.00
First 9000 Gallons Sewer Usage	94.00	101.00
Each 1000 Gallons over 9000 Water	3.04	3.25
Each 1000 Gallons over 9000 Sewer	5.90	6.30
Bay Restoration Fee Per EDU	15.00	15.00

Vacant Lot – Per Quarter

Fixed Water	17.00	19.00
Fixed Sewer	23.00	26.00

Residential Water Only Account – Per Quarter

Fixed Water	23.00	24.00
First 9000 Gallons	76.00	81.00
Per 1000 Gallons over 9000	3.04	3.25

Commercial Water and Sewer – Per Quarter

Fixed Water	32.00	34.00
Fixed Sewer	49.00	53.00
First 9000 Gallons Water	61.00	65.00
First 9000 Gallons Sewer	94.00	101.00
Each 1000 Gallons over 9000 Water	3.04	3.25
Each 1000 Gallons over 9000 Sewer	5.90	6.31
Bay Restoration Fee Per EDU	15.00	15.00

Commercial Water Only – Per Quarter

Fixed Water	32.00	34.00
First 9000 Gallons	76.00	81.00
Per 1000 Gallons over 9000	3.04	3.25

Commercial Sewer Only – Per Quarter

Fixed Sewer	49.00	53.00
First 9000 Gallons	94.00	81.00
Per 1000 Gallons over 9000	5.90	6.31
Bay Restoration Fee Per EDU	15.00	15.00

Note: The first 9000 gallon charge is a service availability charge which applies even if there is a “0” usage.

Section 3: This Ordinance shall govern water and sewer rates for the quarter ending in September, 2016 and thereafter until amended.

ENACTED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2016.

COMMISSIONERS OF OXFORD:

Gordon Fronk, President

Gordon Graves, Commissioner

Carole Abruzzese, Commissioner

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance Number 1611 of the Town of Oxford was duly read, advertised, and enacted with the applicable provisions of the Charter of the Town of Oxford on this _____ day of _____, 2016.

Attest: _____
Cheryl Lewis, Clerk/Treasurer
Town of Oxford