

**COMMISSIONERS OF OXFORD**

ORDINANCE NUMBER: **1705**

INTRODUCED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF INTRODUCTION: \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF OXFORD TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NUMBER 1611 AND TO SET NEW WATER AND SEWER RATES FOR THE TOWN, COMMENCING JULY 1, 2017**

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 increased financing for loans and grants during construction and the need to realize 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1, 2017, the existing water and sewer rates for Oxford water and sewer service set forth in Oxford Ordinance 1611 are repealed.

Section 2: Effective July 1, 2017, the following water and sewer rates shall become effective.

Water/Sewer Rates – Per Quarter

Residential Fixed Water	<del>24.00</del>	26.00
Residential Fixed Sewer	<del>43.00</del>	46.00
First 9000 Gallons Water Usage	<del>65.00</del>	70.00
First 9000 Gallons Sewer Usage	<del>101.00</del>	108.00
Each 1000 Gallons over 9000 Water	<del>3.25</del>	3.48
Each 1000 Gallons over 9000 Sewer	<del>6.30</del>	6.74
Bay Restoration Fee Per EDU	<del>15.00</del>	15.00

Vacant Lot – Per Quarter

Fixed Water	<del>19.00</del>	20.00
Fixed Sewer	<del>26.00</del>	28.00

Residential Water Only Account – Per Quarter

Fixed Water	<del>24.00</del>	26.00
First 9000 Gallons	<del>81.00</del>	86.00
Per 1000 Gallons over 9000	<del>3.25</del>	3.48

Commercial Water and Sewer – Per Quarter

Fixed Water	<del>34.00</del>	36.00
Fixed Sewer	<del>53.00</del>	57.00
First 9000 Gallons Water	<del>65.00</del>	70.00
First 9000 Gallons Sewer	<del>101.00</del>	108.00
Each 1000 Gallons over 9000 Water	<del>3.25</del>	3.48
Each 1000 Gallons over 9000 Sewer	<del>6.31</del>	6.75
Bay Restoration Fee Per EDU	<del>15.00</del>	15.00

Commercial Water Only – Per Quarter

Fixed Water	<del>34.00</del>	36.00
First 9000 Gallons	<del>81.00</del>	86.00
Per 1000 Gallons over 9000	<del>3.25</del>	3.48

Commercial Sewer Only – Per Quarter

Fixed Sewer	<del>53.00</del>	57.00
First 9000 Gallons	<del>81.00</del>	108.00
Per 1000 Gallons over 9000	<del>6.31</del>	6.75
Bay Restoration Fee Per EDU	<del>15.00</del>	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, 2017 and thereafter until amended.

ENACTED THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

COMMISSIONERS OF OXFORD:

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Gordon Graves, President

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Gordon Fronk, Commissioner

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Carole Abruzzese, Commissioner

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance Number 17052 of the Town of Oxford was duly read, advertised, and presented with the applicable provisions of the Charter of the Town of Oxford on this \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cheryl Lewis, Clerk/Treasurer  
Town of Oxford