

**COMMISSIONERS OF OXFORD**

ORDINANCE NUMBER: 2305

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

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

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF OXFORD TO REPEAL ORDINANCE  
NUMBER 2205 AND TO SET NEW WATER AND SEWER RATES  
FOR THE TOWN, COMMENCING JULY 1, ~~2023~~ 2024**

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 Manager and the Commissioners of Oxford; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Oxford have identified the need to fund identified improvements to the Water System, including cost of covering related legal and engineering fees, along with interim financing for loans during construction and the need to reach sufficient rate amounts to operate the upgraded utility; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners have identified the need to collect funds sufficient to cover the debt service supporting the recent upgrade to the Waste Water System 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1, 2023, the existing water and sewer rates for Oxford water and sewer service set forth in Oxford Ordinance 2205 are repealed.

Section 2.: Effective July 1, 2023, the following water and sewer rates shall become effective.

Water/Sewer Rates – Per Quarter

Residential Fixed Water	<del>31.00</del>	32.00
Residential Fixed Sewer	<del>55.00</del>	56.50
First 9000 Gallons Water Usage	<del>81.00</del>	83.50
First 9000 Gallons Sewer Usage	<del>127.00</del>	131.00
Each 1000 Gallons over 9000 Water	<del>4.30</del>	4.43
Each 1000 Gallons over 9000 Sewer	<del>8.00</del>	8.24
Bay Restoration Fee Per EDU	15.00	15.00

Vacant Lot – Per Quarter

Fixed Water	<del>24.00</del>	25.00
Fixed Sewer	<del>33.00</del>	34.00

Residential Water Only Account – Per Quarter

Fixed Water	<del>31.00</del>	32.00
First 9000 Gallons	<del>101.00</del>	104.00
Per 1000 Gallons over 9000	<del>4.30</del>	4.43

Commercial Water and Sewer – Per Quarter

Fixed Water	<del>40.25</del>	42.00
Fixed Sewer	<del>71.25</del>	73.00
First 9000 Gallons Water	<del>81.00</del>	83.50
First 9000 Gallons Sewer	<del>127.00</del>	131.00
Each 1000 Gallons over 9000 Water	<del>4.30</del>	4.43
Each 1000 Gallons over 9000 Sewer	<del>8.00</del>	8.24
Bay Restoration Fee Per EDU	15.00	15.00

Commercial Water Only – Per Quarter

Fixed Water	<del>40.25</del>	42.00
First 9000 Gallons	<del>101.00</del>	104.00
Per 1000 Gallons over 9000	4.15	4.43

Commercial Sewer Only – Per Quarter

Fixed Sewer	<del>71.00</del>	73.00
First 9000 Gallons	<del>127.00</del>	131.00
Per 1000 Gallons over 9000	<del>8.00</del>	8.24
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, 2032 and thereafter until amended.

ENACTED THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

COMMISSIONERS OF OXFORD:

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James Jaramillo

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Brian Wells

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Tom Costigan

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance Number 2305 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cheryl Lewis, Town Manager  
Town of Oxford