

COMMISSIONERS OF OXFORD

ORDINANCE NUMBER: 2305
INTRODUCED BY: Tom Costigan
DATE OF INTRODUCTION: April 25, 2023

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

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1, 2023, the existing water and sewer rates for Oxford water and sewer service set forth in Oxford Ordinance 2205 are repealed.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	31.00	32.00
Residential Fixed Sewer	55.00	56.50
First 9000 Gallons Water Usage	81.00	83.50
First 9000 Gallons Sewer Usage	127.00	131.00
Each 1000 Gallons over 9000 Water	4.30	4.43
Each 1000 Gallons over 9000 Sewer	8.00	8.24
Bay Restoration Fee Per EDU	15.00	15.00

Vacant Lot – Per Quarter

Fixed Water	24.00	25.00
Fixed Sewer	33.00	34.00

Residential Water Only Account – Per Quarter

Fixed Water	31.00	32.00
First 9000 Gallons	101.00	104.00
Per 1000 Gallons over 9000	4.30	4.43

Commercial Water and Sewer – Per Quarter

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

Commercial Water Only – Per Quarter

Fixed Water	40.25	42.00
First 9000 Gallons	101.00	104.00
Per 1000 Gallons over 9000	4.15	4.43

Commercial Sewer Only – Per Quarter

Fixed Sewer	71.00	73.00
First 9000 Gallons	127.00	131.00
Per 1000 Gallons over 9000	8.00	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:

James Jaramillo

Brian Wells

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