

COMMISSIONERS OF OXFORD

ORDINANCE NUMBER: 1405

INTRODUCED BY: _____

DATE OF INTRODUCTION: _____

**AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NUMBER 1221
AND TO SET NEW WATER AND SEWER RATES FOR THE TOWN OF
OXFORD, COMMENCING JULY 1, 2014**

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1, 2014, the existing water and sewer rates for Oxford water and sewer service set forth in Oxford Ordinance 1221 are repealed.

Section 2: Effective July 1, 2014, the following water and sewer rates shall become effective.

2014 Water/Sewer Rates – Per Quarter

Residential Fixed Water	20.00	22.00
Residential Fixed Sewer	35.00	37.00
First 9000 Gallons Water Usage	53.00	57.00
First 9000 Gallons Sewer Usage	82.00	87.00
Each 1000 Gallons over 9000 Water	2.65	2.84
Each 1000 Gallons over 9000 Sewer	5.15	5.51
Bay Restoration Fee Per EDU	15.00	15.00

Vacant Lot – Per Quarter

Fixed Water	15.00	16.00
Fixed Sewer	21.00	22.00

Residential Water Only Account – Per Quarter

Fixed Water	20.00	22.00
First 9000 Gallons	66.00	71.00
Per 1000 Gallons over 9000	2.65	2.84

Commercial Water and Sewer – Per Quarter

Fixed Water	28.00	30.00
Fixed Sewer	43.00	46.00
First 9000 Gallons Water	53.00	57.00
First 9000 Gallons Sewer	82.00	87.00
Each 1000 Gallons over 9000 Water	2.65	2.84
Each 1000 Gallons over 9000 Sewer	5.15	5.51
Bay Restoration Fee Per EDU	15.00	15.00

Commercial Water Only – Per Quarter

Fixed Water	28.00	30.00
First 9000 Gallons	66.00	71.00
Per 1000 Gallons over 9000	2.65	2.84

Commercial Sewer Only – Per Quarter

Fixed Sewer	43.00	46.00
First 9000 Gallons	66.00	71.00
Per 1000 Gallons over 9000	5.15	5.51
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, 2014 and thereafter until amended.

ENACTED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2014.

COMMISSIONERS OF OXFORD:

Carole Abruzzese, President

Gordon Graves, Commissioner

Gordon Fronk, Commissioner

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance Number 1405 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 _____, 2014.

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