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## NOTICE

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Dear Customer:

The Town of Oxford relies on and pays for the Town of Auburn to transport Oxford wastewater through its sewer system. The Town of Oxford also relies on and pays for the Upper Blackstone Water Pollution Abatement District treatment plant in Millbury to treat Oxford wastewater. Therefore, a portion of your sewer bill pays the transport and treatment cost. Unfortunately, the cost to transport and treat Oxford wastewater has gone up. In response, the DPW cut portions of the budget to help absorb the cost increase for transport and treatment. The cuts, however, were not enough to fully absorb the increase. In December 2009, at a public hearing, the DPW requested a sewer rate increase to generate revenue to pay the increase in the cost to transport and treat Oxford wastewater. After much discussion, the Town of Oxford, Board of Selectmen acting as a Board of Sewer Commissioners voted to increase the rate the Town charges its sewer customers. The new charge for Oxford sewer customers is \$8.70 per one thousand gallons of water consumed. The rate change went into effect starting January 1, 2010. The first sewer bill reflecting the new rate will be for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter, January 1, 2010 to March 31, 2010.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the DPW at 508-987-6006.