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“New Crematorium at Transfer Station”



It's a little known service that the City of Norfolk provides. For \$40, a deceased pet can be incinerated at the Water Pollution Control Plant/Transfer Station with its ashes returned to the owner within a day or so. A new incinerator was installed last week to replace one that's been used for animal cremations in the City for 20 years.

“Last year we incinerated over 12 tons of carcasses which translates to 305 burns and about 600 cremated animals,” said Rob Mercer, City of Norfolk Solid Waste Supervisor.

The 400 pound capacity incinerator was installed in the small crematorium shed located southwest of the scale house at the Transfer Station on 610 East Monroe Avenue. There is a \$40 fee to incinerate one animal and \$80 for a full load. Mercer said local veterinarians will usually bring in the carcasses for their clients. Only the ashes for single animal burns are saved. It takes about a 24 hour cycle for the natural gas fueled kiln to reach 1600 degrees to burn the contents and then cool enough for the ashes to be removed.

In some cases police evidence that is no longer needed is also burned in the \$53,000 incinerator.

Cremations are by appointment only. For more information call the City of Norfolk Transfer Station at 402-844-