

Candidate Ripped Off on Posters

CORNING — The laws ought to pertain to all persons, not just to Alexander Kosty, who's the Democratic candidate for Corning mayor — so says Kosty.

This week City Police have taken down Kosty's campaign posters, and the candidate says he's investigating to see if this is a violation of his constitutional rights.

Police say his signs on utility poles were in violation of the state penal law

and a city ordinance. Under state law, permission is required to place signs on light poles, according to chief Arthur R. Webster, who said he believes the poles belong to the city and that Kosty did not have permission.

The city law forbids posting of signs on any poles or wires, and signs can be placed on fences or buildings but only with the consent of the owners.

"They should enforce the laws pertaining to everybody," Kosty said as he started to list signs of other groups which are still up.

During the last presidential election and Judge Domenick L. Gabrielli's campaign the police didn't take signs down, Kosty said. "I cannot understand how they can have dual standards. I can't understand who prodded Lt. Richard T. Faulisi to have them taken down."

Webster says he gave the order to have the signs removed from utility poles, after they were brought to his attention by Lt. Faulisi. "We also took down some rummage sale and assorted other signs," Webster said.

Police did not notify Kosty of the violation, Webster said. But Kosty found out anyway. He picked up about 60 of the signs from police Tuesday night and Webster says he has some more for him.

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