

**TOWN OF CORTLAND
DEKALB COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

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ORDINANCE NO. 2026-XX**

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**ADOPTED BY THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE TOWN OF CORTLAND**

This ____ day of ____, 2026

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WHEREAS, a petition has been filed by Grand Parade Solar, LLC, an Illinois Limited Liability Company, acting through its affiliated entity Apex Clean Energy, LLC and with the permission of the property owner, Andra L. Olson as Trustee of the Andra L. Olson Declaration of Trust, seeking a Special Use Permit to operate a solar farm on certain property located east of Somonauk Road and generally bounded by East Meadow Drive on the north and East North Avenue on the south, within the Town of Cortland; and

WHEREAS, the petition of Grand Parade Solar, LLC for said special use permit was made in accordance with the provisions of the zoning chapter of the Cortland Town Code; and

WHEREAS, public notice of the public hearing to consider the requested Special Use Permit application was published in the Daily Chronicle on May 14, 2026, and proper notice was sent by mail to proximate property owners in accordance with Sec. 9-9-2.B of the Cortland Town Code; and

WHEREAS, on June 4, 2026, the Planning Commission held a public hearing at which time the Petitioner and other members of the public offered testimony regarding the requested Special Use Permit, with the Planning Commission subsequently sending a favorable recommendation for approval to the Town of Cortland Board of Trustees by a vote of five members in favor and one against; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 9-10-6 of the Town Code, the Board of Trustees specifically rejects the Recommendation Letter and Finding of Fact submitted by the Planning Commission 26-03 and determines that the requirements for the special use have not been met; finding that in the opinion of the Board of Trustees the application and evidence presented establishes the following:

1. The proposed structure or use at the particular location requested fails to provide a service or a facility which is in the interest of the public, and will not contribute to the general welfare of the neighborhood or community;
2. The proposed structure or use may have a substantial adverse effect upon the adjacent property, the character of the neighborhood, traffic conditions, utility facilities and other matters affecting the public health, safety and general welfare;
3. The proposed structure or use is not designed, arranged and operated so as to

permit the development and use of neighboring property in accordance with the applicable district regulations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Cortland, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. That the Cortland Board of Trustees found that the evidence presented established the following:

1. The proposed structure or use at the particular location requested fails to provide a service or a facility which is in the interest of the public, and will not contribute to the general welfare of the neighborhood or community;

2. The proposed structure or use may have a substantial adverse effect upon the adjacent property, the character of the neighborhood, traffic conditions, utility facilities and other matters affecting the public health, safety and general welfare;

3. The proposed structure or use is not designed, arranged and operated so as to permit the development and use of neighboring property in accordance with the applicable district regulations.

Accordingly, the Special Use Permit requested by Petitioner shall be denied for the operation of a solar farm on 77.54 acres of land located upon the parcel denoted as PIN 09-20-426-002 east of Somonauk Road and generally bounded by East Meadow Drive on the north and East North Avenue on the south in the Town of Cortland.

Section 2. Severability and Repeal of Inconsistent Ordinances. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Ordinance. All Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage and publication as provided by law.

PASSED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES of the Town of Cortland, Illinois, at a regular meeting thereof held on the ____ day of ____ 2026, and approved by me as Mayor on the same day.

AYE:

NAY:

ABSENT:

Mark Pietrowski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cheryl Aldis
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATE

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS.
COUNTY OF DEKALB)

I, Cheryl Aldis, certify that I am the duly elected and acting Town Clerk of the Town of Cortland, DeKalb County, Illinois.

I further certify that on _____, 2026, the Corporate Authorities of such municipality passed and approved Ordinance No. 2026-____ entitled **AN ORDINANCE DENYING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO GRAND PARADE SOLAR, LLC TO OPERATE A SOLAR FARM ON 77.54 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED EAST OF SOMONAUK ROAD AND GENERALLY BOUNDED BY EAST MEADOW DRIVE ON THE NORTH AND EAST NORTH AVENUE ON THE SOUTH, PIN 09-20-426-002, IN THE TOWN OF CORTLAND, DEKALB COUNTY, ILLINOIS** which provided by its terms that it should be published in pamphlet form.

The pamphlet form of Ordinance No. 2026-____ including the Ordinance and a cover sheet thereof prepared, and a copy of such Ordinance was posted in the Town Hall, commencing on _____. Copies of such Ordinance were also available for public inspection upon request in the office of the Town Clerk.

Dated at Cortland, Illinois, this ____ day of _____, 2026.

(SEAL)

Cheryl Aldis, Town Clerk