

Application for Variance of Town Code

Applicant: Cortland Lions Club

Event: **Cortland SummerFest presented by the Cortland Lions Club - August 7th, 2026 5:00 P.M. – 12:00 A.M. & August 8th, 2026 12:00 P.M. to 12:00 A.M. Cortland Community Park 70 S Llanos Street**

Requested Variance: Title 5, Chapter 4, Section 5-4-4 Exemptions: D. Community Events Exemption to add night hours - until 12:00 a.m. (Section 5-4-2 A & B)

Standards for Variance: 5-4-3

1. The proposed variance of the requirements would result in great practical difficulties or hardship to the applicant;
The purpose of the community event is to celebrate Summerfest
2. Strict application of the requirements would result in great practical difficulties or hardship to the applicant;
Live music may play until the end of the event at 12:00 A.M.
3. The proposed variance is the minimum deviation from such requirements that shall alleviate the difficulties/hardship;
12:00 A.M. would be the minimum deviation.
4. The plight of the applicant is due to peculiar circumstances not of his own making;
Holding the event is supported by the Town and hours are reasonable for a community event.
5. The peculiar circumstances engendering the variance request are not applicable to other property within the district, and therefore, that a variance would be a more appropriate remedy than an amendment;
The request only affects this event and therefore, the variance is the appropriate remedy.
6. The variance, if granted, shall not alter the essential character of the area where the premises in question are located.
The variance will not alter the essential character of the area. The variation is not permanent, and the event is consistent with the small-town character the Town Board is attempting to perpetuate.

Applicant Signature, Title, Date

Approved this ___ Day of _____, 2026

Attest:

Mark Pietrowski, Mayor

Cheryl Aldis, Town Clerk