

## Ride-Sharing Companies

**Motion: Allow ride-sharing companies such as Uber to operate within city limits.**

Advantages of Ride-Sharing	Disadvantages of Ride-Sharing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fares are often much less than taxi fare</li> <li>• No cash is ever exchanged; no tipping is allowed</li> <li>• Uber operates in 60 countries and more than 300 cities</li> <li>• Ride-sharing companies create jobs that are flexible and self-directed</li> <li>• Passengers can rate drivers and drivers can rate passengers on Uber; if a driver falls below a stated standard, the driver will be expelled from the company</li> <li>• Regular taxis can often be operated by over-tired and over-worked drivers</li> <li>• The system benefits by competition where people need to find better ways of doing things</li> <li>• Some people have complained that some taxi drivers behave hostilely or indifferently to customers' needs because they knew they could get away with it.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taxi drivers receive weeks of training to learn best routes. No guarantee with ride-sharing.</li> <li>• Taxi drivers have invested heavily to buy permits to operate, and this has made for a great deal of family debt that can take years to pay off</li> <li>• Allowing the City to restrict the number of permits to operate taxis helped ensure a decent living for drivers who work six or seven 12-hour shifts each week</li> <li>• Cab drivers have lost almost half their business due to ride-sharing companies since 2012</li> <li>• Uber is a billion-dollar company whose offices are outside Canada. About one-quarter of the amount of money paid for a ride goes to the company which means that that money is not being spent in Canada, as opposed to what happens when the companies and operators are Canadian.</li> <li>• Many taxi drivers hope to retire one day by selling their permit to operate a cab in the city. Uber has now made these permits (which many drivers paid over \$100 thousand to purchase) worthless.</li> <li>• About half of all taxi drivers are recent</li> </ul>

immigrants who are highly-skilled and educated but they need to be able to have a basic income so they can pay costs associated with getting certified in the area that they have been trained in

- Taxi drivers must have a clean criminal and driving record
- When companies launch in a city, they may offer all sorts of bargains so that the competition is put out of business while they build a customer base. When the competition is weakened, the bargains disappear and the prices can go way up—above what they were prior to the company coming into the market.
- Ride-sharing companies charge much higher rates during periods of peak demand (surge pricing), and since the fare is charged to the rider's credit card, s/he might not realize how expensive the ride was until it's too late.
- Taxi drivers cannot turn away passengers with service dogs or because of race or visible cultural difference; ride-sharing companies may not have such regulations and drivers may just refuse to take a ride request.
- While taxi companies were required by regulations to invest in transportation for people in wheelchairs, there is little incentive for ride-sharing providers to make that investment.