

# Judge halts NYC taxi e-hailing a day after launch

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(AP)—Hailing yellow cabs with smartphone apps is on hold in New York City a day after the experimental service began.

An appeals judge agreed Wednesday to bar e-hailing, at least temporarily. A panel of judges is expected to weigh the case later this month.

A [lawyer](#) for e-hail opponents says they're gratified and calls the program "fundamentally flawed" and illegal.

But [Taxi](#) and Limousine Commissioner David Yassky says the apps are "perfectly legal" and good for riders.

In December, the city OK'd a year-long test. Car service owners sued, saying it's unfair to them because they rely on pre-arranged fares and it's too broad to qualify as a test program.

A judge dismissed their lawsuit last week. They then went to the appellate court.

Uber Technologies launched an e-hail service Tuesday.

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