

## Uber's airport service in Madrid under attack from town hall

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In this photo taken on June 11, 2014, a taxi driver protests against Uber during a 24 hour taxi strike in Madrid, Spain. In a statement Saturday July 22, 2017, the city of Madrid has asked Spain's anti-trust watchdog to investigate whether Uber's new airport transport service violates fair competition laws saying tariffs may violate several articles of the Law of Unfair Competition and consumer rights if they are below the cost of providing the service. (AP Photo/Paul White)

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Uber, the San Francisco-headquartered mobile ride-hailing service, offers rides from 15-29 euros (\$17-\$34) from Madrid's airport to the city center. The fare for taxis is set at 30 euros (\$35).

In a statement Saturday evening, Madrid's city hall says "(Uber's) tariffs may violate several articles of the Law of Unfair Competition and consumer rights if they are below the cost of providing the service."

Taxi drivers in Spain went on strike in March and May to protest what they say is [unfair competition](#) from Uber and the Madrid-based car service Cabify.

Unions claim these companies flout a law stipulating there should be one private company vehicle for every 30 taxis.

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