

Former NYC Taxi and Limousine Commission head wants to put limit on Uber's price surging

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Former TLC Commissioner Matthew Daus said Sunday that there needs to be a limit on how much companies like Uber can raise prices during peak times.

The former head of the city's Taxi and Limousine Commission blasted Uber's surge-price policy during a radio show appearance Sunday.

"When every vehicle that is in your fleet is encouraged to come out during peak times — during rush hour — that's not good for the city," Matthew Daus told John Catsimatidis on his Sunday AM 970 morning radio show.

"There needs to be some type of limitation on it," he added.

In 2014, Attorney General Eric Schneiderman negotiated a deal with the car service app to curtail increases in fares during states of emergency.

Before the January blizzard, Uber capped the surge price for its UberX service at 3.5 the normal rate.

But some lawmakers contend that's not enough.

Brooklyn City Councilman David Greenfield contends surge rates are a form of price gouging and is calling to cap them at double the normal price.

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