



# **CITY OF HENDERSON NEWS RELEASE**

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## **Henderson Serves Business License Suspension Notice to Gastroenterology Center of Nevada**

**Henderson, Nev.** – The City of Henderson served a business license suspension notice today to the Gastroenterology Center of Nevada located at 2610 W. Horizon Ridge Parkway. The letter was delivered this morning and is effective immediately.

The **Notice of Suspension of Business License No. 2007302428** is issued in response to 1) A concern that a public health emergency exists that poses a significant threat to the citizens of the City of Henderson; and 2) For failure to provide a Business License Officer access to the business during normal business hours for purposes related to license administration or enforcement.

“Obviously our primary concern is for the welfare of our residents,” said Henderson Mayor James B. Gibson. “Because this business is owned and operated by the same people who own facilities throughout Clark County that are currently closed and under investigation, we will be interested in not only our location but the business practices and suitability of all establishments owned by this group before we allow them to operate in Henderson.”

“The integrity of our licensing processes and procedures can’t be compromised,” said Henderson City Councilman and Chairman of the Southern Nevada Health District Steven Kirk. “Their failure to work with us and our business licensing department to ensure the safety of our residents is unacceptable and cannot be tolerated.”

The Henderson business license for the Gastroenterology Center of Nevada names Dipak K. Desai, MD as the owner. He is also named as the owner of other Gastroenterology Centers of Nevada and Endoscopy Centers of Southern Nevada located throughout the Vegas valley, which have been closed and licenses suspended.

The Southern Nevada Health District “is advising patients who received injected anesthesia medication at the Endoscopy Center of Nevada (700 Shadow Lane) of a risk for possible exposure to hepatitis C and other blood borne pathogens. The health district is recommending patients who had procedures requiring injected anesthesia at the clinic between March 2004 and January 11, 2008, contact their primary care physicians or health care providers to get tested for hepatitis C as well as hepatitis B and HIV.”

For further information on the potential health risk please visit Southern Nevada Health District at 759-4636 or visit their Web site at [SouthernNevadaHealthDistrict.org](http://SouthernNevadaHealthDistrict.org).

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